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T was not many Days after the
landing of the ever renowned
William, Prince of Orange,
that my Mother was diliv-
ered of me; while my Fa-
ther was absent, in the Service of the late
B King

King *James* the Second, a Captain in those Forces which were dispatched to *Salisbury*, to oppose that Heroes Progress: But my Father, with his Regiment (amongst many others) joining his Highness, became afterwards in such Favour with him, and was so constantly upon Duty, that he had no possible Opportunity of visiting my Mother at his Seat in *Norfolk*, before he was sent to *Ireland*; where he was slain in the very Sight of his Master, at the Battle of the *Boyne*, on the thirty-first Day of *May* 1690.

His Death left me wholly under the Care and Tuition of my Mother, whose Indulgence proved so excessive towards me, that I no sooner became sensible of Life and Action, than I found myself at the Head of her Family. My Mother's Jointure of about two hundred Pounds a Year arose from her own Fortune, which had been settled on her Marriage with my Father upon them both, and the longer Liver of them;

so that, at my Father's Death, the Whole was at her Disposal.

I was put to School, where I continued 'till the Close of my seventeenth Year, under her own Eye; when, becoming somewhat manly, for I was tall of my Age, I began to look above the slavish Confinement of a scholastick Life, and my Mind hankering after other Employment, I could no longer apply to my Studies with any Prospect of Proficiency, but was perpetually teizing her to introduce me to the World.

About this Time some Regiments, with their Officers, were quartered all round us; waiting Orders for their Embarkation to *Holland*. My Father having been of that Profession, and myself being smitten with the Gaiety of their Appearance, and the Respect that was every where paid to them; I could not rest satisfied, till by some Means, I had introduced myself to their Notice.

This I missed no Opportunity of accomplishing; by first hinting to some of them, that my Father had been of their Cloath, and what a pressing Desire I myself had, of being initiated amongst them; and at the same Time, remarking an Ensign, who seemed to be but little my Senior, I demanded whether I might not be admitted to a Pair of Colours?

The Officers were so pleased with my Discourse, that they raised my Expectations, by Assurances, that it would prove no difficult Matter to gratify me, if my Mother would carry me to Town and apply properly. I thereupon grew so extremely fond of their Company, that during their Stay, which was about three Weeks, I never once attempted to find my Way to School; but having Money at my Command, I spent as they did, they calling me Captain, and encouraging me in my Resolves.

Being

Being now resolutely bent against any more Learning, I opened my Determination to my Mother, who seemed exceedingly startled at it, as nothing that I could have chosen, she said, could possibly have given her more Uneasiness: For having lost the best of Husbands in the Wars, she looked upon my Engagement in the same Sphere, as the committing of me to certain Slaughter. However, I prevailed for inviting several of the Officers to dine with her, not doubting but that they would be able, by their Arguments, to remove her Prejudices, and instruct her in some Method of Application, for obtaining me my Desires.

She entertained them very genteely; but poor Woman! Could scarce refrain from Tears at the Sight of them, when she recollected the Satisfaction she had taken in my Father's Conversation, under the same Livery. I had previously instructed them how agreeable it would be to me, that

they should commend my Choice of the Army, amplify the Advantages, and reduce the Dangers, and Discommodities of that Course of Life, to a meer Trifle; which they not only promised me that they would do, but so happily effected, that before we parted, they had brought my Mother to the Sally, whither Side of the Question to resolve on.

Observing my Mother to be thus wavering and unsettled, I was seldom without one or more of the Officers at our House; till by Degrees she entered plum into my Measures, and no sooner were they shipped off for *Holland*, than we set out for *London*, to procure my Admission upon the Establishment.

We took an House near *Whitehall*, where my Mother renewed her former Acquaintance, with some of my Father's Contemporaries, who by that Time, were advanced to superior Ranks in the Army;
and

more especially with one, a Lieutenant General, with whom she had formerly been intimate. She unfolded to him the Design of her Journey to *London*, in Compliance with my Inclinations, begging both his Advice and Assistance, in procuring me what I so strenuously sought after.

The General pronounced it a Matter of no such small Difficulty to gratify me, as my Mother had imagined; urging many Reasons for what he offered; but concluded, with his Inclinations to be helpful to the Son of his old Friend, to the utmost of his Power; and that he would employ his Interest to promote me.

My Mother and I waited upon the General for several Months, under constant Expectation of my Preferment, of which he sometimes gave us great Hopes, sometimes none; till growing almost weary of an ineffectual Solicitation, we were just engaging in other Methods of obtaining it:

When the General calling upon my Mother one Morning, assured her of his having now compleated the Affair; for that he had found out an Ensigncy, in the Disposal of a great Lady at Court, with whom he had an Interest; but that she would expect a Present of two hundred Pounds to be made her upon signing my Commission.

My Mother and I, who had buoyed ourselves up with the Prospect of my being presented with this Post, through the General's Interest in the Army, and at Court, were somewhat startled at the Proposal; but rather than to have our Work to begin again, and that I might not suffer a Disappointment, she submitted to make the Present, (as the General called it) or in other Words, to pay for the Commission.

I had not long been in Possession of my Post, before accidentally I fell into Company

pany with a young Lady, every Way so agreeable to my Taste, as to engage me to offer her Marriage. She was very young, very beautiful, and an excellent Œconomist; but had only a small Fortune of her own, save what she might reasonably expect from several rich, Childless Relations; for her Parents being dead, she lived with a maiden Aunt, in whose Power also it was to do very handsomely for her. I was then but in my twentieth Year myself, when after a Courtship of full two Years Continuance, wherein our Affections were unalterably confirmed for each other: I at once lost all further Sight and Knowledge of my Mistress, or to what Part of the World she was removed; save, that after a long and minute Enquiry, I gained a Sort of flying Information, that she was gone to an Uncle which she had somewhere beyond Sea; but in what particular Region, I could not obtain the least Intelligence.

The Lots of a Person so dear to me, and in this surprizing Manner, without the least previous Notice of her Design, or any the least Ray of Hope, or future Prospect of reclaiming her again, almost overcame me. I languished, nor could I admit the least Thought of any other Thing, than my dearest *Sally*, to occupy both my sleeping and wakeful Hours (for her Name was *Sarah Moreton*) I lost all relish, not only for my Diversions but for my very Food; daily declining in my Strength and Vigour; and had it not been for a Draught that was made out of my Regiment, and several others, to go Abroad, I doubt not, but my Melancholy would soon have brought me to the Grave.

The draughted Men were to be transported to *Africa*, to guard some of the Company's Forts there, and we took our Turn by Lot, both Officers and Men; when I happened to be exempted from that Service; but in my cloudy Mood,
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one Day representing to one of my Brother Lieutenants, who was by Lot to go as Captain with the Transports, (for I was by this Time advanced to a Lieutenancy) that I wished it had but been my Turn to have gone Abroad; he told me, that altho' he was to enter upon Captain's Pay, so soon as he embarked, and rank as such ever after; yet if I could get Leave for him to exchange with me, he could relinquish to me that Advantage; for that he dreaded the Voyage to so hot a Country.

I had been so long dissatisfied with my Confinement to *England*, since the Loss of my dear *Sally*, that joyous for any Opportunity of but shifting my Place, in Hopes of some Comfort by the Change, I left no Stone unturned to get the Exchange ratified, being at the same Time highly commended by all my Superiors, for the Bravery of my Resolution; and the Exchange being confirmed, I set sail as Captain, with the first Embarkation of two hundred and sixty

sixty Men, in three Vessels; a larger Number being to follow us, with all Expedition.

Our Ship was so crouded, and the Weather so sultry, that (advancing near the Line) our Men fell down so fast, that we were in Fear of loosing greatest Part of them; when the Master assured us, that we should reach our Port in a few Weeks. We had but twelve Officers on Board, nine of whom were so ill, that they could not stir off their Beds, and the tenth could scarce crawl out upon Deck for Air; but myself and one *Roger Fuller*, an Ensign in my Regiment, still held out in perfect Health; tho' the Concern of ninety Men lay so heavy upon us, that we could scarce find Time either for Eating or Sleeping; nor had we Hopes long of bearing up against the general Calamity ourselves.

We had now crossed the Line, where the Weather was so excessive hot, that we
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were almost melted; but *Fuller* and I were obliged to be thrice a Day between Decks, to visit the sick Men round, and supply them with what Necessaries we were able to provide them, and our Circumstances would afford: So that I have often wondered, how it was possible for either of us (who were the only two sound Landmen on Board) to remain in any tolerable Vigour, or for the poor Men to survive twenty-four Hours in the suffocating Heat and Stench they necessarily sustained between Decks; but the only comfortable Hope of surviving was, that we were told, our Confinement would now be but short.

It was of a *Sunday* Night, I very well remember, just after *Fuller* and I had been reading in the *Bible* to several of the sick Officers and Men; that before we went our Evening Rounds, we took a Turn upon Deck, to sweeten and refresh ourselves; when in less than a Quarter of an Hour, from as clear a Sky as ever was seen, about
Sun-

Sun-set, there arose some very black Clouds, succeeded by so tempestuous a Storm at North-East, and then at West, that in less than an Hour, it had snapped off the main Mast in the Middle, carried away the Fore-mast, Yards, and Sails, and so miserably torn and shattered the Shrouds and Tackling, that the Mariners had not the least Command or Government of the Ship, nor were there well Hands enough on Board to keep her in any proper Direction to the Wind.

Our Master, who was but in a very drooping Way himself, had not the least Courage left, either to assist at, or order what was necessary to be done; but both himself and the Crew, giving up all for lost, seemed to consent by their Inactivity, that the Bottom of the Sea would but prove an easy Remedy to their Affliction: Nor is it conceivable, what little Concern was shewn by the few who were able to stir at all, for their own Preservation; as
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for those confined between Decks, and to their Hammocks, they were obliged to submit to Fate; for none of us, had Leisure to administer the least Assistance.

Fuller and I had been upon Deck all Night, offering the Master what Help we could afford him, and executing such Orders, as by meer Compulsion we extorted from him; but tho' we were extremely jaded, and had ran infinite Hazards in the Performance of such Things, as the Sailors themselves might securely have undertaken, from their superior Dexterity, had they been but zealous in the Service: Yet we were in never the better Condition; for the whole Cry upon Deck was, *Lord have Mercy upon us, all's lost.*

This Storm drove us (but not with equal Violence) for eighteen Days successively; during which Time we lost Abundance of our Landmen, and most of the rest of the Sailors, with perpetual watching, fell down.

down. Infomuch that the Living had not Strength left to discharge the Ship of the Dead, till on the nineteenth Day, we having had a fine Night preceding, and when we were in great Hopes that the worst was over, we heard a violent Crack at the Bottom of the Vessel, but from what Accident we know not; so that she went downright to the Bottom, in less than a Quarter of an Hour.

Fuller and myself, with the Master, and two more Sailors, who were on Deck, being shocked at the Stroke, and perceiving her to sink so very fast, heaved over the Boat, and with what little Provisions and Ammunition the Shortness of the Time would allow us to collect together, we embarked in her, having first called out to all the sick Men and Officers, to inform them of their Danger, and to assure such as were able to reach the Boat, that they should be received; but not a Soul stirred save one of my Brother Officers, who
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with great Difficulty creeping forward, we helped into the Boat, and one more Sailor.

We had shipped a considerable Quantity of Bread, and Salt Provisions; but our Water lying deep, and the Ship sinking at a great Rate, no one would venture at procuring that, lest (in the mean Time) the Ship should have been at the Bottom: So that one quarter Cask of Water, was all that we could get into the Boat.

We might certainly have done better, in the little Time we had to serve ourselves in; but that it was plain, not one of us chose to lose Sight of the Boat, for Fear, lest the rest should be gone without him; nor would the Master suffer us to carry any Man to the Boat, who could not come of himself; for he said, if we brought one, why not another? And then, we should in his Opinion, be guilty of murdering those we left behind, and could
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we bring them all, the Boat would not contain them.

For my Part, however just the Master's Argument might be, it went extremely against the Grain with me, to leave a Soul behind, that we could by any Means have saved; but the Ship was just now going, and we were obliged to shove off from her, lest we should have been sucked down in the Eddy, the Master assured us the Water would form itself into, upon her Departure; but the Cries and Shrieks of the wretched Crew, and Soldiers, as the Water reached them, and they perceived themselves just swallowing up into the Abyss of Eternity, will never be absolutely discharged from my Ear, whenever I recollect their Catastrophe; nor had we rowed thirty Fathoms from the Vessel before we lost all Sight of her forever.

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NO Tongue can describe, or Fancy paint, the Horrors of our little Crew, when casting our Eyes towards the Vessel, our Ears were pierced by every Shriek, and our Hearts felt every Groan that was uttered, by such a Number of poor helpless Souls, under the Prospect of their Descent into that Abyss of Waters, and that without the least Gleam of Hope from

from any external Accident in their Favour.

At our first going off, we looked upon ourselves as superlatively happy in our then Situation; but a very moderate Share of Reflection, diverted the Flux of our Joys into the Channel of Despair: For we no sooner began to compare Notes, and to fix a Kind of Limit to the Prospect before us; but the Captain, or Master declared, that he knew not in what Longitude we were, or could he form the least Guess of our Latitude; for that he had neglected every Kind of Observation from the Commencement of the Storm; nor had we (upon Examination) either taken any Sea Instrument, or even so much as a Compass with us, in our Consternation. We had a Piece of a Sail indeed, which served to cover them who slept; and we had Salt Provisions for a full Month; but had not Water (at short Allowance) for above Half the Time: And then, should the
Wind

Wind (which was much abated) increase to an hard Gale, it would be next to impossible for us to weather it: So that upon all Considerations, our Scene changing so much for the worse, we began to lament that we had not been so happy, as with the rest of the Ship's Crew, to have been by this Time, released from that Misery which stared us in the Face, on whichever Hand we turned to.

Our Boat's Crew consisted of the Master, *Fuller*, myself, Lieutenant *Overton*, and three Sailors; but *Fuller*, myself, and two of the Sailor's only, were fit for Exercise or Action; nor did we in the least stint our Endeavours; but to the best of our Abilities, undertook the labouring Oar as we were directed: For sometimes we rowed a whole Day together to one Point, sometimes to another, almost distracted, at neither the Sight of Land, or of any Vessel to relieve us.

On

On the fifth Day *Overton* died, and we threw him over Board. In three Days more, we thought we should have lost the Master; but he survived for a Week, and seemed to recover a little, but then dropped, as did the sick Sailor, the Day before him.

On the eighteenth Day our Water was tilted, and ran very low; when being but four of us left, we came to half Quarter Allowance, having lived very sparingly for some Days before. We had eaten our Beef Salt, to save the Expence of Water, till it created such a Loathing for Want of Moisture, that we could not bear it in our Mouths; and Bisket was now our only Sustenance: For the Captain had given us the Hint at first, to spare that for our last Resort, and it proved very wholesome Advice to us.

We had one Day hung about six Pounds of Beef at the Stern of the Boat, by a Cord,

Cord, in Order to soften and freshen it somewhat, if possible, by the Motion of the Water; but it had not been long there, before we observed the Boat to draw so heavily, that we could scarce make her stir; then going to remove the Beef, which we judged to be the Occasion of it, we drew up a very fine Fish, of upwards of twenty Pounds Weight, which had with great Eagerness swallowed the Beef; but it being so large and stubborn, and the Cord so strong, it could neither bite this in two, or disgorge that. Thus unexpectedly we procured a Variety, which, had we been able to have dressed, would have been extremely agreeable to us: But as it was, we made several Meals of it, with our Bread, and this having so much Moisture in it proved a great Saving to our Water.

On the twenty-second Day, our Water Cask was drained, and with Watry Eyes, we shook each other by the Hand, and
drank

drank (as we verily imagined) our last earthly Liquor, it not amounting to more than a Gill a-piece. We were then reduced to our own Water; but in a few Days, we had none of that left, and for two full Days more lay upon our Oars, neither being sensible of any Motion, or (if we stirred at all,) to what Point of the Compass it was; for there was no Wind, heavy Weather, nor any Tide to carry us.

We scarce spoke one Word all the while to each other; but hung down our Heads, as if ashamed of either viewing the others, or exhibiting our own Misfortune. I could perceive my Head to grow very light, from the Hollownes of my Stomach, and my Fancy roved as extravagantly as in a Dream; nor could I scarce persuade myself, but that I was in one: When of a sudden, *Fuller* jumped up; *I'll be your Dupe no longer*, said he, *No, the Earth, and all that's in it, shall not detain*

tain me from Paradise.— Come, sweet Inviter, come, take me to my Happiness, where Plenty lies in Store for the hungry Soul,— I come—— I come.

This odd Harangue of *Fuller's* startled us all; but perceiving him about to plunge into the Sea, we caught hold of him, and brought him again to his Seat; when seeming to recollect himself, as if awaking from Slumber, I began to reason with him upon the Heinousness of Suicide, urging to him, that whilst Life subsisted, there might be Hopes: That other Men had (at Times) been reduced to the Extremities which we then suffered, and that tho' some had perished under those Severities; yet that others had providentially escaped at the very last Gasp; at least, that we ought not (to avoid distant Death) run into an instant Destruction.

Poor *Fuller* heard me very patiently, and tho' he was sensible of what he had been

about to do, shewed no further Resolution of persisting in it, or even ventured at any Argument in his own Justification: But as near as I could guess by his Behaviour, was in a good Degree delirious; for he still seemed to have fixed his Mind upon Meat and Drink, where he was going, and talked as rationally from those mistaken Premises, as if he had been reasoning from a Reality: So that I was fearful of removing to my former Seat, lest he should suddenly leap overboard; but kept close to him for the remaining Part of the Day.

We held each a Piece of Bisket in our Hands, and often put it to our Mouths; but they were too much parched to prepare it for our Swallow; for tho' we could grind it to a Sort of Powder, it would have choaked us but to have attempted forcing it down; for it lay in our Throats like Chaff, causing us to cough and reach till the Blood flowed from our Stomachs.

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I was become so spent that Day by Sunset, that I had great Hopes if I could but fall asleep in the Night, I should not have Strength left ever to awake again; and had for some Time pleased myself with that Notion; when just as the Sun was sinking beneath the Horizon, one of the Sailors who sat fronting it, starting up, cried, *Land, Land.*

We were all on our Tiptoe in a Moment to reconnoitre it; he still pointing with his Finger, and crying, *Land, Land.* I then judging him to be in my Friend *Fuller's* Way, for I could see nothing like it, was for securing him; but he confidently affirming, that what he saw was Land, and conferring upon its Appearance with the other Sailor, they soon became both of a Mind: And then indeed, I imagined that I saw somewhat like a thin blewish Cloud, on the Edge of the Horizon; but could not conceive it to be any Thing else.

The Sailors both insisting upon its being Land that we saw, and that being so desirable a Prospect; more in Compliance with their Judgment, than from any Conviction of my own Senses, I clapped my Hand to the Oar with them, and as boldly we pulled, as if nothing had befallen us to impair our Vigours: But poor *Fuller* was by this Time too far gone, either to yield us any Assistance, or to participate of our Joy for the Prospect.

We observed, that three of us rowing together, would necessarily carry the Boat about to the weakest Side, rather than streight forwards; so that two of us only rowed, and the third kept the Steerage, to direct our Course to the delightful Spot, which we still called Land.

We should have thought ourselves extremely happy had it been earlier in the Day, that we had made this pleasing Discovery; for in less than an Hour, such a

Mist

Mist arose from the Water, as prevented our remarking any Thing ten Yards before us; but not before we had (to the Sailors thinking) reduced our Discovery to a Certainty.

Nothing in the World could be more melancholy to us at this Juncture, than the Absence of Light; for tho' we should labour ever so hard, we were not certain of steering right, there being neither Wind or Star to direct us: Nay, we might even, by pursuing a wrong Course, cast ourselves by Morning beyond Possibility of recovering the Land again: But yet, to lie by, when there was but the least Hope of Success by Labour, and that too at a Time, when at best we had not a Moment to spare, would be an inexcusable Oversight. So that resolving at all Adventures to do our utmost, in spite of former Weakness and Fatigue, we alternately plied at the Oars, till Day began to break in the Morning.

O, the Transport! the Joy! the Rapture that smiled on every Face, at the Approach of the Day! Which delivered to our View the Platform of a large Country, not a League and a Half before us! Not but that our Joys (especially my own) were in a great Measure allayed, by the Death of *Fuller* that Night; tho' we not being apprised of it, before our Senses had indulged themselves with a Prospect of Refuge from our Distresses, it made not that Impression on me, which otherwise it must have done.

Never did willing Coursers strain each Muscle for Victory more anxiously than we plied ours at the Oars, thinking each Boat's Length a Mile, till we arrived at our desirable Harbour; but upon planting our Feet on Shore, we were all Extasy. We thanked the Almighty Ruler of the Ocean, and all Creatures, for our Preservation; then having moored the Boat, we flew to the Herbs, which lined the Banks
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of these Waters, devouring them like famished Cattle, broken into fresh Pasture ; nor did we, to our thinking, ever fare so deliciously in our Lives before.



C H A P. III.

Reflections on Providence. Benefit of the Plants they found. Part their Friend's Effects. Character of Ensign Fuller. The Author's Reflections on his Condition with two Companions. The Method he took for his Safety with them. Knew not the Country. Vast Flights of Birds. A Description of the Dog-Bird. Of Birds an elegant Meal. Vast Regale. Gather Spirits. Afraid of Wild Beasts. Surprized in the Night. At a Loss which Way to take. Debates thereon. Some Properties of the Dog-Bird. Kill two of them.

I Have often reflected, how providential it was, that we met with so many wholesome and Juicy Plants, before we fell in with any fresh Water ; for had we not, we might (in our then parched Conditions) have, very probably, yielded up
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those Lives on Shore, which the Ocean had spared: But we having so plentifully moistened our Bowels and Stomachs with the Herbs, were very little anxious for Water, nor indeed did we go in Search of it, till we had secured both our Boat and Cargo on Shore, and had paid the last Debt to poor *Fuller*; but as his Cloaths were too valuable to be committed with his Body to the Water, I made bold with his Watch, and some other Trinkets that he had about him, and then stripping him, we sunk the Corps by some Stones, below low Water Mark, and divided his Apparel amongst us; I taking only his Shirt, Neckcloth, and Handkerchief, for my Share of the Booty: For my Comrades were now as good Men as myself.

I was the more sensibly affected for the Loss of *Fuller*, not meerly for the Sake of his Company, tho' I prized that beyond any Gentleman's in the Regiment, he being one of the sweetest tempered Crea-

tures in the World, had read much, was a true Friend, and hearty Companion ; and for Courage, and cool Resolution, almost without an Equal ; but for that, the Sailors, my now Companions, being both of the same Class and Rank in Life, and having long been Intimates, I judged that by his Death the Ballance would be broken between us, and that they would look upon me but as an impertinent Fellow, should I oppose any Opinion of theirs ; and that right or wrong, I must be obliged in every Thing to conform to their Sentiments ; it mostly happening, that when Inferiors gain the Dominion, their Betters must either submit, or smart for it, and that in no mean Degree, from a certain Inveteracy in Inferiors to those who rank above them : Nay, I judged, that should I be any Ways refractory or incompilant, I might be perhaps knocked on the Head by them, that they might with greater Freedom enjoy their own Schemes.

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These Reflections gave me for some Time great Uneasiness, and very much soured my natural Temper: However, I used all the Caution in my Power not to dissent from any of their reasonable Propositions; but on a little closer Intimacy, and Intercourse with them, I had hopes that my Jealousies were groundless, and that we should preserve a good Understanding together; for tho' I avoided all Claim to Pre-eminence and Authority over them, yet they readily condescended to my Proposals, and of themselves, would always consult my Opinion, e'er they undertook any Thing of publick Utility; and this Method strengthening into Custom, not only restrained me from a too rigid Maintenance of my own Resolves, but engaged me to weigh theirs with the nicest Deliberation, and to concur with them in whatever I could not plainly demonstrate to be grossly erroneous; so that we soon lived in the strictest Harmony imaginable.

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The Land we were fallen upon being wholly unknown to us; whether it was Island or Continent, inhabited or not inhabited, we could form no Guess; but near the Shore it was very bare, and seemingly barren: Whereas the inland Parts presented us with towering Woods, and very high Grounds; so that the Heat of the Climate soon drove us thither for Shelter, after the Search of some River, or fresh Water Rivulet, to allay our Thirst with.

We had turned our Boat upside down, stowed our Goods under it, and covered it thick with wet Sea-weeds, to prevent the Influence of the parching Sun from splitting its Timber, not knowing as yet how long it might be e'er we should have Occasion to make further Use of it; then each of us taking his Gun, with all our Powder and Ball, we directed our Course to the Uplands. Here we met with such innumerable Flights of Birds, as are not
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to be conceived; but mostly of Sorts which we had never before seen; especially a very large Creature of the Bird Make, walking upon two Legs, but without the least Feather or Down about it, its Covering being of long shaggy Hair. It had a short thick Neck, and Bony Head, in Make like a Greyhound's, with the sharpest and strongest Teeth in its Mouth, of any Creature of its Size that I ever saw, and a long Tail hairy, and like a Pig's.

It had no Wings, or any Thing in the Place of them; but its Feet and Legs were very long and large, with sharp Claws reverted, and bedded in the Flesh like a Panther's; but exceedingly strong when put forth for Use.

This Creature was of prodigious Abilities, and swift in running, and was of the fiercest Nature imaginable. They generally went in Couples (as we observed afterwards) and never scrupled to attack what-
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ever opposed them, being absolutely devoid of all Fear, as was demonstrable from numberless Instances, which appeared to us, during our Stay with them, and which I shall have further Occasion to mention; and from their Affinity to both Species we called them *Dog-Birds*.

Having (as I said before) fallen amongst such large Flights of Birds, most of which were too small for bestowing a Bullet upon, we picked up some Stones, and therewith hammering some of our Bullets flat, we cut them into little square Pieces with our Knives, and charged our Guns with them; then watching our Opportunity, we shot at two Shoots a Dozen and an half of them, about the Size of a Fieldfare. We were not long in preparing them for the Tooth by broiling; and of these we made the first Meal we had eaten with Comfort, since the Loss of our Ship; for whatever we had swallowed in the Boat, was rather for the Preservation of our Beings only,
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than from any Delight that we took in the Repast.

Had any human Person been Spectator at this our Regale, he must have rejoiced at the Expressions of our Satisfaction on the Occasion; for surely, no Creatures ever indulged more, or exhibited more Demonstrations of it, than we did; after which, laying ourselves down at a Spring Head which we had discovered near us, each Sip we took was more refreshing than the richest compounded Cordial: But I prevailed with my Companions for not making too plentiful a Meal, and proposed for each of us to content himself with three of these Birds at once, when we should have the like Number in Reserve for our next Refreshment; and this being readily agreed to, we pocketed the remaining Half of them, till Supper Time; nor can it be conceived, that any Creatures should be so instantly altered for the better, as we perceived ourselves to be, after this
wholsome

wholsome Nourishment; our Spirits and Vigour returned, and the Strength we had acquired by it dissipated all past Weakness and Fatigue.

Being thus in high Spirits, our next Concern was for some Place of Safety, to shelter us in from the Danger and Annoyance of the Beasts of the Country, of which we were sensible there were no small Store, from the several Voices and Cries which we had heard in different Parts of it; but not being able to suit ourselves that Day, we were obliged to take our Lodging amongst the Woods in the Upper Lands, sitting round a large Tree, with our Backs against it, the more readily to observe whatever should approach us from either Quarter.

It was our good Fortune to pass the Night without further Inconvenience to ourselves, than that we were often put under the Terror of some savage Creatures,
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whose Howlings, Roaring, and other Noises, we frequently heard in the Wood, and once very near us, when some Beast was in Pursuit of another, so close to us, that we could hear them brush through a Brake at a small Distance from us, and afterwards see them by Moon-light thro' the Trees, tho' not distinctly enough to particlularize what Beasts they were.

It is not to be supposed that we could settle to sleep under those Circumstances, nor indeed, did we close our Eyes till Morning; when being very heavy with watching, we slept by Turns, under the Guard of one of us, which proved an extraordinary Refreshment to us; and no sooner were we all stirring, than we set forward again, to examine futher into the Country; when after some Hours Travel in the Wood-Lands, we beheld before us an immense Valley of many Miles Diameter, wholly covered with Under-wood and Bushes; and almost at the opposite
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Side of it ran a large River. We were now at a Stand, whether we should venture into this Valley, which we could not but conclude to be a Receptacle of the Wild Beasts, or whether we should pursue some other Course through the Wood; when it was concluded, that as the Wood seemed to rise very sharp to our Right, we would attain to the Heighth of it, where possibly we might command such a Prospect of the Country as might direct us in our future Travels.

From the Point of this Hill we could plainly discover, that all that Part of the Country which we had before traversed and viewed, was only Part of an Oblong Neck of Land, which pushed much forwarder than the main Land into the Sea, and was encompassed with it, save only to the South-West, where it joined the Main.

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Here arose another Debate, whether we should fix our chief Settlement on this Eminence, where we could have so great a Command of the Sea three Ways, or whether we should retire more into the Continent (as I may call it) and seek a Refuge there. However, as I seemed inclinable to search farther (tho' I admitted that our sole Hope of Deliverance must depend upon the Waters, from such Shipping as might pass within View of our Signals) the Sailors came into my Way of thinking; for that at last, we could but return where we were, in Case nothing better should offer.

With this Resolution we quitted the Wood, and made the best of our Way to the main Land. It was in this Journey that we had a Proof of the Courage and Abilities of the Dog-Birds I have before mentioned; for passing by the Skirt of a large Clump of Bushes, we saw two of these Birds before us, at no great Distance; when

when not understanding their Natures, or imagining them to be properly edible, we smote upon the Bushes with our Guns, in Order (by the Noise we made) to have frightened them away from the Course we were in; but they took no Manner of Notice of the Rustle we made, or moved a Foot for it, till having advanced much nearer to them, we again smote the Bushes, when out leaped a Beast of the Tyger Kind, as near as we could guess it, and scoured cross a Plain to our Right; but no sooner had the Birds a View of him, than setting up a Sort of a barking Howl, they pursued it with incredible Velocity.

The Plain lying open to our View for some Distance, gave us no mean Prospect of the whole Race; but tho' the Creature almost flew to avoid them, yet they were in with him in a Furlong's running, had mounted his Back, fixed their Tallons into his Body and brought him down; and before we could near reach them, tho' we followed

followed with all our Might, they had killed and eaten great Part of him; nor moved they in the least from the Carcase, upon our Approach, till we were advanced within a few Paces of them; when one of them turning its Head, and grinning like a Dog at us, occasioned us to halt; but they were so far from deserting their Prey, that observing us to stir again, one of them made at one of the Sailors, and if I had not that Instant shot him, would undoubtedly have torn him to Pieces.

We expected that the other would have fled upon the Report of our Gun; but instead of that, it quitted the dead Beast, and ran open mouthed at me, seizing my Gun which I held out against him, and with the Violence of his Fury would have disarmed me of it, had not the other Sailor shot him likewise.

C H A P. IV.

Examine the Creatures they had killed. Dog Birds fine Eating. Arrive at an Hill all Stone. Surprized by a Lion there. Great Debate on the Cave he was lodged in. Flea him. Method of entering his Cave. Description of it. Fix their Residence there.

OUR three Creatures being now secured, we had Leisure to examine them distinctly; and first we surveyed the Birds, which were so formed as I have before described them: As for the Beast it seemed such a prodigious strong Creature, when we had scanned over its Parts, that we were amazed it had not made its Party good against the Birds; for upon a Scrutiny into their apparent Capacities, one would have judged it had been able to have coped with several of them.

Having

Having compleated our Survey, we concluded upon drawing what Benefit we could from each; then supposing that the Tyger-like Beast would have proved the most edible Morsel, we first flead him; but his Flesh not appearing so inviting as we expected, we went to work upon the Birds, which under a much fouler Covering produced us Flesh as white as the finest Veal I ever saw, nor was it a whit inferior upon the Palate, to the nicest Turkey in the World, and upon this we regaled very amply.

We were very curious both in fleaing off and preserving all the Skins, expecting no small Benefit from them, in several Capacities; so that having packed up a good Parcel of the Birds Flesh in one of them, we proceeded on our Journey to the Continent.

After some Days Travel, we arrived at a Hill, or rather a Rock, being all of
Stone,

Stone, not the least Blade of Grass, or other Herb whatever, growing upon it; the Ascent not being very steep, but much broken and uneven. At about half Way to the Top, on one Side of it, we passed by a large Craig, with a small Hole at the Bottom of it, so big as that a Man lying along, might just about creep horizontally into it. The two Sailors who were before me had passed by it, without taking Notice of it; but I casting my Eye that Way, and imagining its Entrance not to penetrate far, stooped down to see whether I could perceive the Extremity of it or not; but it was so dark that I could but just see the Opening: I then thrust in my Gun, to satisfy myself of its Demensions, but (by what Accident it happened I know not) as I was moving it about to and fro, it went off, giving a violent Jar to my Hand.

This unexpected Noise brought my two Companions back to me, to know what was the Matter, and whilst I was beginning

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to rehearse the Accident, and was pointing to the Hole, I observed the Gun (which I dropped from my Hand in its firing) to move; then fixing my Eye more narrowly upon it, it stirred again pretty much; this causing no small Terror, either to me or my Companions, we retreated from before the Mouth of the Hole for a few Paces, and in less than a Minute perceived the Paws of some large Beast pushing forwards out of the Cavity, and instantly followed the Nose and Head of a Lion; but he proceeded very slowly, and his Eyes looking dim, and almost sunk into their hollow Sockets, tho' my Companions had each of them their Guns at their Shoulders ready for firing, yet as he appeared farther and farther to our View, he looked so weak and almost a Skeleton, that it seemed too unmanlike an Action in us to distress so worn out an Object; for which Reason, tho' they stood prepared, they resolved not to fire at him unless he first assaulted us.

At length the poor Creature having with much ado disingaged himself from the Hole, instead of making towards us, turned about the direct contrary Way, moving off very stiff, and so feebly that he tottered as he went. We followed him at some Distance, watching him down the Hill; but before he had arrived quite at the Bottom, he fell, unable to rise again; and before we returned to him was stark dead.

We had no sooner dislodged the Beast, than I was apprehensive that this Cave might be more capacious within than we were aware of, and possibly might prove a good Shelter to us in the Night-Season, the Want of which had hitherto been the greatest Terror we had upon us. This I hinted to the Sailors, who were so far from flighting the Surmise, that they were for making immediate Experiment; but could not contrive how to get a Light in with them; for absolutely in the Dark, they had

no great Inclination to venture. Says *Joe Horn* (for that was the Name of one of them as *Samuel Peck* was of the other) “ It is not
 “ impossible, but that this may be a com-
 “ mon Receptacle for these Sort of Crea-
 “ tures, and here may be many more of
 “ them now in it, for aught we know.”
Sam seemed to be of the same Opinion, till I
 told them, that if the Smell of the Powder
 and the Noise of the Gun were so terrible
 as to rouse an almost dead Lion, and
 make him exert his feeble Efforts so strong-
 ly for a Release, they might rest satisfied,
 that if there had been any more lively
 Beast in the Cell, that would have been
 the first at making its Way into the Air;
 adding, that it was my Opinion, that the
 poor Creature had only taken Refuge there
 by Way of Sepulchre, finding himself
 struck with mortal Illness, and Decay of
 Nature; for I told them, that it was na-
 tural for most magnanimous Creatures,
 especially such as in their Vigours avoided
 Light, and sought their Prey by Night,

to retire at the Approach of Death, and fall in Private.

This Argument brought them into my Measures again ; so that now the Absence of Light was the sole Preventive of our entering the Cave immediately : But whilst we were hesitating on this, says *Sam*,
“ How if you should have shot the Lion,
“ and that should have occasioned his
“ quitting his Den ? then there may still
“ remain more behind, who being unhurt,
“ had not the same Cause for Removal
“ as this had ? ” “ *Sam*, said I, It is not im-
“ possible but my Ball may have hit him ;
“ but you can’t say that I starved him
“ too ; for that is plainly his Case, being
“ nothing but Skin and Bone : However,
“ we’ll soon clear that Doubt, by search-
“ ing whether he is wounded : You see
“ he is fallen, and if not dead already,
“ which I little fear, we’ll dispatch and
“ flea him ; for I cannot relinquish the
“ Hopes

“ Hopes I have of his Lodging for our-
 “ selves.”

We descended to the Spot where the Lion lay, and surrounding him, found him quite defunct, and stretched out ; but having skinned him, not the least Wound was to be discovered ; then spreading out his Hide to dry in the Sun, we returned to the Cell, anxious for the Knowledge of its inward Dimensions.

We collected some of the most inflammable Wood near the Foot of the Hill, which having conveyed to the Mouth of the Hole, and having burnt some large Pieces to Fire-brands, *Joe Horn*, who offered himself to enter first, directed *Sam* immediately to follow him ; wher, if he called out to be released, *Sam* was to hold hard by his Ancles, and I was to pull at *Sam's* till they were both extracted again.

Thus having concerted our Measures, *Joe* crept in on his Belly, with a lighted Brand in one Hand, and several small Sticks in the other, that when he was gotten as far as he saw fit, by applying the Sticks to the Brand's End, he might blow it into a Flame, just sufficient to look about him, make himself Master of the Contents of the Place, and so return.

Joe had just forced in his whole Length, and *Sam* had lain down to follow him; but before he had entered his Head and Shoulders into the Hole, *Joe's* Legs and Feet were both out of his Reach and feeling. *Sam* upon this raising up his Head, turned as pale as Death, (for by the Way he had no great Stomach for the Job at best) "Alas! said he, *Joe* is devoured, I fear." "How so? replied I." "Why, said he, he is dragged in all on a sudden, and I can feel nothing of him; but there is an horrible Growling within Side." "Try again, said I, we should

“ should have heard him cry out, had he
 “ met with aught to annoy him.” *Sam*
 answered, that he durst go no farther,
 for that by the Noise he heard within,
Joe was certainly destroyed.

I must confess, tho’ I had heard not the
 least Noise, I was not without my Suspi-
 cion, that *Sam*’s Fears were but too true,
 especially from the Growling he reported
 to have heard within; but that the poor
 Fellow might not be lost for Want of As-
 sistance, as I had encouraged *Sam* to fol-
 low him, I could do no less, upon his Re-
 fusals, than take the Post myself. I laid
 myself along for that Purpose, but resolved
 to venture myself in no further than I
 could fairly feel my Legs to be without
 Side of the Hole.

I had scarce got more than my Head
 and Shoulders under the Stone, before I
 perceived a Fire at some Distance before
 me, and *Joe* walking about by it; but

I could not see higher than his Knees, till I had gotten in my whole Length, and then I perceived, that little more than Man's Length from the Entrance, the Cell widened into a large Cavity, being a commodious Habitation for a dozen People. *Joe* was mighty glad to see me there, but the Smoak (which almost suffocated us) prevented our tarrying longer than just to search every Corner of it, to see if it contained any Thing offensive; and finding it did not, we returned again to *Sam*, who had by this Time given us both over for lost; but we joked him out of the Growling he had heard, and laughed him into good Humour again.

This safe Retreat, as we judged it to be, administred ample Content to our Minds; for that nothing could possibly come at us, but from the Passage we went in at, where our Guns would prove a sure Defence to us; but we sorely lamented the Impossibility of admitting any Light, save what

what little would penetrate at the Bottom, and we thought, that to be stowed up in the Dark would be very uncomfortable; but as Light was no Ways to be obtained, we resolved to rest satisfied without it.

We were so intent upon preparing our new Apartment, that having with a Bundle of Twigs swept it very clean, and tied up a Sort of Faggot, of the Size of the Hole's Mouth, to draw in after us, by Way of Prevention to the Approach of any Thing from without, we that Night spread our Skins upon the Floor, and took up our Lodging in it.

C H A P. V.

Find Difficulty in sleeping. Lie on Skins. Odd Sort of Door to their Cell. Travel inland. Dog-Birds kill a Stag. Author feasts on him. Shoot a she Dog-Bird. Find her Nest. Debate about destroying the young ones. Preserve three of them. Dissertation on true Courage. The young refuse to eat their Dam. Eat all other Flesh. Excessive Growth of them. Become tame and quite tractable. Name their Birds. When at full Growth. All Creatures fly them. Exceeding swift. Seize any Thing. Under great Command.

IT may reasonably be suspected, that being void of Care in our new Lodging, and under no Apprehensions from the wild Creatures, we should have indulged ourselves in Sleep without Restraint; but I can assure my Reader, that according to the Proverb of *Use making Perfection*,
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just so it befell us; for our Fears having so long kept us on our Guard, we could not with the Discharge of them, at once divest ourselves of our accustomed Watchfulness; but tho' upon starting up we would check ourselves, and were soon composed again, yet our Sleep was so interrupted and confused for many Nights, that it required Time to bring our Minds to a State of Tranquility; nor were we then without frequent frightful Dreams, which more or less perplexed us, with Scenes of combating the Lions, Birds, and Beasts of the Country; but Time and Security by Degrees wore off those Horrors, and we then reposed contentedly.

We had now (with the Lion's) four Skins for our Bed, and were peculiarly cautious of stopping up the Hole of our Cell with the Faggot, as well at our Departure from it, as while we reposed in it, lest in our Absence, some unwelcome Guest should take Possession of it, whose Society might
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by no Means prove agreeable to us; nor did we (so long as our Provisions lasted) stir very far from the Foot of the Hill; but having observed that our firing often thereabouts had caused a Scarcity of our Provision, we had come to a Resolution of penetrating further up the Country, in Search of a fresh Supply.

In this Journey the first living Creature that we saw (save small Birds) was a Beast of the Stag Kind, which bellowing very loud, ran cross our Way at a small Distance before us; but passing by so swiftly and unexpectedly, we had but just a Glimpse of it between the Bushes, as it made towards a Plain to our Left; but it appeared to be of the oddest Make and Figure that we had ever beheld, about its Hinder-parts, which put us upon a more careful Observation of it; so stepping forward to the Skirt of the Shrubs, we could view its Flight at Pleasure, and close at its Heels followed one of the Dog-Birds.

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No sooner could we perfectly observe the Creatures Parts than we perceived, that another of the Dog-Birds had seized upon the Haunch with his Tallons, while with his Teeth he was devouring the Flesh of the Beast within his Reach. The Misery and Anguish whereof, drove the poor Fugitive to such Extremity, that having (to avoid its cruel Persecutor) urged his Flight beyond its Strength, he fell under the Severity of his Torments; but not before the other Bird had mounted itself likewise on the Back of the poor Beast, and had occupied himself in the same Exercise with his Fellow.

We had pursued the Game with our best Speed, from the Moment that it first presented to us, and were in with them soon after the Creature had dropped; but were now come to an Argument amongst ourselves, whether we should shoot the Birds for Subsistence, or suffering them to gorge upon the Stag (if they should when full

full withdraw) then come in for the Remainder ourselves, for our Labour: At length, we resolved upon the latter, and being about an hundred Yards from them, we sat down to rest ourselves, and wait the Issue.

As we suspected, so it happened; for the Birds having eaten their Fill, retired to the Woods, whereby we, without Labour or Toil, became possessed of their Leavings, which, according to our usual Custom, we feasted, and taking so much as would serve us while sweet, we returned again to our Cell with it.

Having no Method of preserving our Meat edible above two Days, and seldom that, in this hot Country, we were out again in Search of Game, taking the same Rout as before; but intending more for the inland Parts. We had travelled a whole Morning without the least Prospect of a Shot, when coming close by a Growth
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of thick Bushes, in our Return we heard a Growling (but could see nothing) which still increasing, we drew up fronting the Bushes, and presented our Pieces in Readiness, let what would appear. It was not long before we observed the Shrubs to shake, and the Growling still continuing, a Dog-Bird presented, with his Head pushing through the Brake. *Sam*, who fronted the Place of his Appearance, judged it prudenter to fire before he was disengaged from the surrounding Brushwood, than to give him the Opportunity of assaulting us, (for having been so often Eye-witnesses of their Ferocity, we all began to dread them exceedingly) so he shot him dead upon the Spot; but tho' the Creature never stirred more, yet we heard a small shrill Cry continuing within the Cover, which still retained us on the defensive, lest more of them should be concealed there, and rush out upon us unprepared; till having watched for some Time, and hearing no more stir in the Bushes, but the Cry still proceeding

ceeding as of a young Puppy, very faint, I was resolved to search the Cause of it; then planting *Joe* and *Sam* properly for assisting me, in Case of Danger, I edged forward into the Thicket, under Direction of the Cry; when, upon a large Parcel of dried Leaves, I found a Litter of the Dog-Birds, very small, scrabbling over one another.

It immediately darting into my Head, that if we could but breed up those Creatures tame, they might be of exquisite Use to us, I called to my Companions, informing them what I had found. Knock them on the Head, cried they; but I begging them to excuse me, declared, that I was far from thinking they deserved such hard Fate; for that as they were at present too feeble to be noxious, so if we could but breed them up tame like Dogs, we might in Time have an Hunt of them, and on Failure of our Powder and Ball, they might prove a Means of supplying

us with Provision for the Remainder of our Lives.

I then picked up three of them into the Flap of my Coat; but perceiving the Back of the fourth to be broken, and bloody, I threw it out to them, where the Fall killed it. What surprized me not a little in this Adventure was, that feeling somewhat very hard at the Bottom of the Nest, when I took out the last young one, upon producing it, it appeared to be a real Egg, but little bigger than that of a Goose, and was plainly an Egg of the Dog-Bird, that had not been vivified; so that I was now satisfied, they were an oviparous Animal, tho' I had before suspected them to be viviparous.

I brought out my Cargo to my Companions, who still seemed retentive of their former Opinion, that the best Way would be to destroy the Litter; for could it be imagined, they said, that Creatures so fierce

fierce as they were, could ever be tamed? No, we might as well pretend to tame a Viper; and tho' they might be somewhat brought off from their savage Disposition by handling while young; yet let who would trust them for them, their Nature would return when hungry, and they would undoubtedly fall upon, and devour us one Day or other.

Having given their Plea a full Hearing, I enquired whether they had ever seen a Bull or Bear-Dog in *England*? Which they both resolved in the Affirmative. Now, can there on Earth, said I, be fiercer Creatures than these are? And yet, they suffer themselves to be beaten and managed, and in every Way misused by Mankind, rather than turn again to offend him. True, replied they, but then they are domestick Animals. I demanded who made them so? And whether they did not imagine, that those Dogs, before tamed, and reduced to Familiarity and Dependence on Man,

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were as untractable, fierce, and noxious to Mankind, as the Dog-Birds could be? Nay, added I, there is more Hopes of subduing a courageous Enemy, void of Fear, by mild and gentle Treatment, than one who is violent only through Timidity; for it has ever been my Observation amongst Men, that the truly valiant is soonest wrought upon by Benevolence; nay, that he hath in most Cases the largest Share of Compassion, and is the most generous; for that he acts not but upon a settled Principle of Virtue and Honour; and as to those Creatures, added I, should Nature break forth in them too powerfully to be reclaimed, their innate Dispositions will unfold themselves by Degrees, and we shall have sufficient Opportunities of dispatching them, before they can practice any Thing detrimental to us.

With these, and the like Arguments, I prevailed with my Comrades to admit of the Experiment; and now our chief Care was,

was, how we should nourish up our tender Family, lest we should lose them for Want of proper Sustenance ; for they were so feeble to my thinking, as not to be able to eat Meat. I then drew the old one from the Bush, and turning it on its Back, observed six Dugs under its Belly ; so that I was certain it suckled its young ones ; but what to do for Milk for them, could not be conceived by us, we not being Masters of one Beast which yielded any.

As we had killed the Creature, we reserved the Flesh for ourselves, and when we had dressed a Part of it, I chewed it as fine as possible, till it was little more than a soft Pulp, and tried my young ones with it ; but from the Moment that I put it into their Mouths, they never ceased shaking their Heads, till they had discharged it all, not enduring the Taste of it ; nor indeed was I able to urge them to a second Trial, it was so contrary to my own Sentiments, for the young Brood to feed on their
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own Dam ; so that it being too late to seek after any Thing else that Night, we returned towards the Cell ; but I laboured with strong Concern, for Fear my little Flock should all be dead by Morning.

When we were within half a Mile of the Cell, seeing a large Flight of small Birds, I enquired whose Gun was charged with Shot, (for we always carried two charged with Bullets, and one with our square Shot) when *Joe* replying, that his was, I desired him to fetch down some of the small Birds for me, which he did, presenting me with four of them: These I carried Home, and having dressed them and chewed the Flesh as before, the little Creatures all swallowed it down very greedily, from whence I conceived great Hopes, that I should be able to rear them ; nor did they give out, till they had each almost eaten an whole Bird. So soon as I had given them their Suppers, I made them a Bed of Leaves in one Corner of
our

our Cell, where I inclosed them with Stones and Sticks, to keep them close together, and from that Time forward we never killed either Bird or Beast, but we reserved them their Share of it.

These Creatures, when we first took them, were not bigger than a Gosling of a Week old, and to be sure had not been many Days hatched; but their Growth was very surprizing; for in about two Months Time, the least of them weighed full fourteen Pounds Weight.

Our constantly handling and feeding them, brought them to such a Gentleness of Disposition, that so soon as they were able, they run after us like Dogs, nor were they in the least fearful of our Guns, having been daily used to the Noise, from their Cradles; (as I may say) for at first, whenever we took a long Walk, each of us carried one with him, till they grew too big for our handling, and then wherever we

we went they were after us. We every now and then gave them a Piece of Flesh as we travelled, and whenever we shot any Thing we provided amply for them out of it; so that it was not long before they would regularly watch for our shooting, that they might partake of the Game.

In short, their constant Attendance upon us, and the kind Treatment they met with from us, rendered them so tame, that no real Dog was ever more so; readily comprehending every Sign, Word, and Motion of ours: For at Night, we lay upon our Skins Cheek by Jole, and were all Day inseparable Companions; nay, my Fellow-travellers began to be as fond of them as myself; so that for Distinction Sake, we gave them Names, so soon as their Sexes could be discovered.

There being two Females, and but one Male, I desired to have the naming of one of those, and each of them should
name

name one of the others. Now, said I, as there hath yet been but one of that Sex in the World, whose Memory I have a more than ordinary Value for, and her Name was *Sarah*, I will call this (pointing to it) by the Name of *Sally*, as I used to call her. A good Hint, says *Sam*, and I'll name the other Hen from my Mistress, who lives with Mother *Shove*, in *Wapping*, that I will, and it shall be *Black Bessey*. *Joe* then taking the Cock by the Ears, "Old
" Friend, says he, if thou hadst been a
" Hen, I could have matched thee to
" an Hair, with the Name of the finest
" Girl in Christendom; but that thou
" may'st put me in Mind of an old Bene-
" factor, who has given me many a Pen-
" nyworth of Gingerbread, and Pocket
" full of Marbles, thou, from henceforth
" shalt be *David*." Thus having given them all Names, by applying them constantly to the Individuals, they soon discovered who and who was together, and each of us feeding and fondling his own
Choice,

Choice, they severally, more and more, appropriated themselves to us.

When they had arrived to about the Age of six or eight Months, they became in every Respect like the old ones, and we were from thenceforth under no more Apprehension of Mischief from the Beasts of the Country, travel where we would; for every Kind of Creature avoided them. They would attack and destroy a Lion, or a Tyger, with the same Facility as a Kid; nor could we ever observe, that any Beast whatsoever would turn upon them; and when he fled, they were sure of him. Now running so exceeding swiftly, they no sooner were within Reach of what they pursued, than by a violent Spring, they either alighted on his Back, or hung to his Buttock, (for where-ever they touched they stuck) when with Teeth, and Tallons, digging, and tearing away, they could bring the stoutest living Creature to the Ground. After we had been there two

Years, we had near a Score of them, all under so true Command, that they would seize on any Thing that we encouraged them to attack, and would stop at our Call, even in full Pursuit.



C H A P. VI.

Dog-Birds a sure Guard. Quit their Cell for the open Country. Fourteen tame Dog-Birds with them. Kill a Bull. How they managed their Dog-Birds. Distant Prospect of the Sea. Approach the Coast. Covered with Boats. Get nearer for Intelligence. See a Smoak at the Bottom of the Hill. Hear Shouts. From their Cover see many Blacks leading a Person to Execution. Shoot at him. Bring him back dead to the Hill. Roast his Limbs there.

OUR Cell, secure as it was in itself, and defensible against all Danger from without, was not however so wholly desirable as it had been, since our Dog-Birds were grown up, as an unconquerable Life-guard around us; which Consideration, together with the Scarcety of Provision, within the Distance of a Day's

Hunt only from Home, had by this Time brought us to the Resolution of deserting our Quarters, at least for a Time, and of taking a direct Walk for forty, or fifty, or more Miles, as we should meet with Accommodation; when finding nothing more agreeable to us, we could but return again to our old Habitations at last.

It was about the Conclusion of our second Year, that we set forward with a Body of seventeen of us, Men and Birds; and as the inward Parts of the Country abounded most with living Animals, we seldom travelled with more than a Meal's Provision with us; but usually killed a Beast a Day, for the Support of our whole Family.

After several Days March in this Manner, we arrived at a vast open Lawn, where were several wild Kine feeding, and were determined to try our Birds at this new Game; when very opportunely,

as we were entering it, an Heifer presented singly to us, at but a very small Distance off. *Sam* and I were then (it may be) fifty Paces forwarder than *Joe*, and the Birds, who generally brought up the Rear. The Beast upon a Sight so unaccustomed to him as we were, tossed about his Head, gave a loud Low, and was preparing to attack us. We made an Halt, called up our Birds, and (with a Chear) pointing towards the Creature, away sprung three of them at her in an Instant. The Beast turning Tail, ran for Life; but her Course was but short, e'er they had made their Stands upon her, when faltering in her Speed, in a few Minutes more she fell.

The rest of the Cattle having been Spectators of what was going forward, all fled with Precipitation, and instantly disappeared. So soon as we could arrive at the slaughtered Beast, calling off our Birds, we proceeded to cut her Throat, being by this Time past Resistance; when

having secured so much as ourselves should have Occasion for, we cut the Remainder into Slices, till our Birds also had made a good Meal, (for we chose rather to cut and feed them, than to let them help themselves, because it kept them in more Dependance upon us) and it was very pleasant, to see them all standing at one Distance, in a Circle round the Carcass, each watching for his Turn to be served by us.

We had now passed above sixty Miles (as we guessed) up the Country; when one Day, in crossing a considerable Hill, we saw the Sea at about ten Miles to our Right. This Prospect was so pleasing to us, that in Hopes of meeting some of the human Species as the Reward of our Travels, we resolved (tho' out of the Rout we had proposed to ourselves) upon descending to it, in Case Fortune should throw any Vessel into our Way.

As we had no Prospect of reaching the Shore that Night, we lay at the Edge of a small Wood, as we commonly did, with our Guard round us, and set forwards again the next Morning. In our Way, we had a small Hill to pass, where we could command the Water for a long Way very distinctly; at the Descent of which, we took a Deer, which having dined upon, we proceeded, in Hopes of reaching the Shore early in the Day.

We were now arrived within half a Mile of the Coast, with the Shore full in View, when we apprehended that we had discovered somewhat like a long Row of Boats, lying close by each other, just within the Water's Edge, which seeming to multiply to our View, upon a nearer Approach, we began to falter in our Attempt upon the Coast, till we should be resolved to whom they could belong, and (if they were Boats) what could be the Meaning of such a Number of them being there.

We did not chuse to thrust ourselves into Danger, or to fall into the Hands of Enemies, who might be too powerful for us; but rather judged it to be adviseable, (for we were now descending to the low Ground) to remove to an Eminence still nearer to the Objects, but somewhat oblique, where, if we should not meet with Encouragement to proceed, we might secure a safe Retreat, before we should be discovered.

With this View, we mounted the rising Ground, from whence we might make our Observation, not only towards the Sea, but upon Land too, for a considerable Way to the Right and Left; but the Water being the principal Object that had drawn us up thither, (and directly fronting us) first claimed our Attention. From hence we could plainly discover many Boats, to the Number of Threescore or more; when not being able to descry any large Vessel, or other Land, from whence
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this small Craft could arrive thither, we were of Opinion, that they must belong to some Fishermen, or People dealing on the Waters, and that they were Inhabitants of the Country we were then upon; tho' we had not as yet discovered their Settlement.

Our Perplexity at this Sight increasing, we determined not to descend nearer to the Water; but to stay where we were, and from thence make our Remarks, till either the Boats (if they should have been driven thither by Accident) should be carried off again by the Ebb of the Water, or at least, till we should be able to give some Guess at their Owners, and their Designs, in Case they should belong to any who were landed on our Coast, which seemed to be most likely, from the regular Order they were disposed in.

We had scarce formed this Resolution, when not far from the Base of the Hill

we then stood upon, we discovered a Smoak ascending, which by Degrees grew more strong and black; but there being some Underwood and Trees towards the Bottom of the Hill, as also several straggling Trees interspersed on the Sides of it, we could not readily penetrate into the Occasion of it. Whilst we were ruminating upon this unusual Appearance, we heard a loud Shout, and presently another; and not many Minutes after the second, we perceived a large Number of naked Persons, of black Complexion, advancing from the Smoak towards a small Plain, on which there stood one large spreading Tree, almost in the Middle of it.

We were so little a Way above them, that tho' we could obscure ourselves behind the Wood, yet we could plainly discern every Motion, and Action of theirs; when by the Course they took, and their Method of Behaviour, they appeared to our Imagination, to be conducting some
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one with a Rope about his Neck, towards the great Tree; where we suspected that they were going to hang him up, for some Crime or other that he had committed; but they were no sooner advanced to the Tree, than they placed the Malefactor (as we took him for) with his Back to it, tying him round the Neck fast to it, with a Cord; then all having Bows and Arrows in their Hands, they retired for about forty or fifty Paces nearer to us, and drew up fronting the confined Person, and each in Order, shot at the poor Sufferer. The first two or three Arrows we could plainly trace beyond the Tree, on each Side of it; the next entered the Tree above the Head of the Victim; but the succeeding one piercing his Body, such a Shout ensued, attended with leaping and dancing, in such antick Postures, as one would scarce have guessed to have proceeded from Persons of the human Species.

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Their Mimickry ended, they began their Shooting again, when each Arrow that entered the unhappy Object of their Aim, recalled their diabolical Rejoicings; till having all shot round, they ran up to the Tree, where untying the wretched Creature, his Corpse dropped to the Earth; this six or eight of them seizing on, returned with it to the Hill, where the Smoak was, with violent Mirth and Shoutings, the rest of the Company confusedly following.

It proved no small Uneasiness to us, to be deprived of all Sight of their further Proceedings, by the interposing Wood; nor could we (upon a Repetition of their Shouting) refrain from creeping so low as to become Spectators of what was then in Agitation; but before we could properly dispose ourselves for that Purpose, they had hung up all the Limbs of the poor Creature, upon a long transverse Pole, (supported by two forked Sticks) just over a
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vast Fire, which they had prepared for them.

C H A P. VII.

Author beholds their Barbarism with Horror. They eat the Man. Another Shout. Lead a white Person to the same Execution. Author determines to relieve him. His Encouragement to his Companions. They decline it; but follow him. Rout all the Host with the Dog-Birds. All fly to their Boats. Author finds Sally Moreton in the Victim, and covers her with his Coat. Their Greeting. Informs his Companions. Remove to Shelter for the Night.

NO Sight can appear more afflictive to the human Soul, than disgraceful Treatment even to the dead Carcass of its Fellow-Creature; the generous Heart
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ever beholding it as a Part of his own Mortality, behaves to it with Honour and Decency: The inhuman Spectacle therefore, in the last Chapter, had struck us Christians with an Excess of Horror; but expecting that the Fire would every Moment have been increased, to have consumed them to Ashes, we waited for its Execution: When, O tremendous Sight! No sooner were the divided Members reduced to a Standard for their Palates, than these worse than Brutes devoured them, as greedily as a Bear would Horse-Flesh.

Our Stomachs turned at the Repast; nor could we endure to be longer Spectators of this inhuman Banquet: We thought to have stolen away from all further, both Sight, and Knowledge of those bestial Creatures; but had not ascended far, before another Shout recalled our Attention; when looking behind us, we beheld another Victim (as we supposed) leading to the Plain in Manner of the first; but with
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this Difference, as to the Degrees of our Indignation, that the present was not one of themselves, as the first was; but a white Person, that was thus conducting by these Savages to Slaughter.

My Choler arose so at this Sight, that I could scarce contain myself, nor was I to be restrained by any Representations of my Companions, from appearing as the Champion of this condemned Creature.

“ What, said I, my Friends, shall we
 “ stand here idle Spectators of the Death
 “ of a white Person like ourselves, and
 “ perhaps a Christian too, now about to
 “ become a Sacrifice at the Pleasure of
 “ these black Beasts, who delight them-
 “ selves with human Carnage? Nay, per-
 “ haps only to appease some Idol Deity,
 “ or possibly the Devil himself, whose
 “ Votaries they are? And shall we not,
 “ at the Hazard of our Lives, assist and
 “ release him? What have we to fear from
 “ their Bows and Arrows (appearing in
 “ so

“ so righteous a Cause) the only Weapons
“ they are Masters of? Surely, our Guns
“ (for it is not likely that they are ac-
“ quainted with those Instruments) will
“ strike that Terror into them, as may
“ enable us to gain an easy Conquest, and
“ to release yon miserable, condemned
“ Captive.”

I could perceive no great Readiness either in *Joe*, or *Sam*, to second me; but the poor Prisoner moving forward, and my Indignation boiling into Rage at the Prospect; I declared, that live or die, tho' every human Power should oppose me, if they would flinch from the Danger, I never would; but would summon to my Aid every the most daring Resolution, to prevent the horrid Scene then before us, from being carried into Execution; nor do I fear, said I, but that *Sally*, and the rest of her Kind, will stand by me, tho' you should not; for down I am determined
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to venture, let what will prove the Consequence.

Calling to my Aid *Sally*, and the rest of the Dog-Birds, I set forwards at a round Pace down the Hill, to gain the Plain; which my Comrades observing, and that I seemed resolute, I had scarce got fifty Paces, before they were close at my Heels, promising either to bring me off victorious, or fall by me. I thanked their Love, and being thus seconded, moved on with more Intrepidity; till perceiving that the Blacks had reached the fatal Tree, when what was to ensue would soon be perfected, I began to run, but they were drawing up for the Slaughter, before I could possibly come up with them. In Order therefore that I might at least divert their Purpose for a while, till our Aid could arrive, I hollowed out as loud as I possibly could; when instantly, they all facing us, began to prepare for Action: But being loath to risque a Shot, till I was within proper Distance,

stance, and near enough to avail myself of it; I wheeled about, if possible, to get between them and the Prisoner, that I might loose the Victim, or at least have that in my Rear, when I should first let go my Birds at the Murderers, lest they should mistake their Direction, and destroy the Prisoner.

I had never yet had any Opportunity of discovering whether our Birds would seize the human Species, and much doubted whether they would or not, being so constantly used to us; but having now so fair an Occasion of Trial, I called them all round me, and giving them the usual Chear, to spirit them to the Onset, I presented my Gun at the Blacks; when springing forward like Lightening, they made but few Steps up to them. The Birds fixing on some of them, their extravagant Cries, and bloody Prospect, set the rest to their Heels; who running for Life to their Boats, left us Masters of the Field of Battle,

Battle, without a single Shot of ours, and but very few of theirs, and these without the least Effect.

Immediately upon their Flight, I called off the Birds, suffering the wounded Men to get off if they could, after the rest; then running to the poor confined Man (as I thought him) what a Message did my Eyes transmit to my Heart, at the Sight of my dearest *Sally Moreton*, bound stark naked by the Neck to the fatal Tree! The lovely Creature, at the Instant recollecting me too, intreated me to stop. “O, Mr. *Bingfield*, said she, let me die, rather than become a Spectacle to you in this Condition!” Her Modesty turned me round in Confusion, with my Back to her; when perceiving *Joe* and *Sam* were making what Haste they could up to me (for I had left them in Pursuit of the Fugitives) I made Signs to them to keep back, whilst I taking off my Coat, and holding it up before my Face, walked up to *Sally*, and delivered

delivered it to her ; then stepping behind the Tree, I cut the Cord, and gave her Liberty.

Never were poor Creatures under more Confusion, between Joy, Shame, and Astonishment, than *Sally* and I were ; for by this Time she had cloathed herself in my Coat, which being too big for her, I tied it about her with the Cord. I put my Hat upon her Head, tho' in Fact it was little better than none ; and was plucking off my Shoes and Stockings (bad as they were) to defend her Feet from the Ground ; but she insisting upon not using them if I did, and assuring me that she had worn none for above two Years, I desisted from urging her any further.

We then sat us down under the Tree, nor could I persuade myself, that I was in Possession of such a Treasure as I actually was. I embracing her over and over, we had each too many Questions labouring

bouring for Utterance, to know to which to give the Preference; but I still clasping her to my Heart, could have retained her there for ever.

Sam and *Joe*, who as yet knew not whom I had met with, (but taking it for a Man) were not a little amazed, at the Tokens of Love we expressed for each other. This I suspecting they would, told *Sally*, that I would leave her a Moment, to acquaint my Companions of my good Fortune, that they might not be surprized at some Passages, which they could not but have taken Notice of, between us. She with Reluctance consented to my Departure, intreating me not to be out of Distance to relieve her, in Case the King and his Nobles should return again. I could not conceive what she meant by the King and Nobles; for my Eyes much deceived me, or I had beheld no such Persons, or indeed any other than a naked Rabble of Black-Guards; but it was no Time to settle that Point

Point now, so I went to my Associates with a smiling Countenance; they, who were lying along with the Dog-Birds by them, at the same Time rising to meet me.

“ Gentlemen, said I, (when I came
“ within hearing) I wish from my Soul,
“ that I could greet each of you as the
“ happy Man, which I now find myself
“ exalted to.” “ What is the Matter
“ there? says *Joe*, by your hugging and
“ kissing, one would have imagined that
“ you had recovered your *Sally*, instead
“ of a condemned Criminal.” O *Joe*!
“ replied I, there are both in that Person;
“ nay more, if more can be; there is all
“ that I have ever coveted in Life. It is my
“ very *Sally* herself.” “ Impossible, says
“ *Sam*.” “ Identically the same, said I;
“ and that you might not form a Preju-
“ dice from our Behaviour, I just stepped
“ to acquaint you of it; but, poor Crea-
“ ture, she was naked as she was born,
“ till

“ till I spared her my Coat.” “ How
 “ the Devil came she here? says *Joe*.”
 “ That, replied I, is more than I am yet
 “ apprized of; but we’ll hear all by and
 “ by. Come, let us all go together, for
 “ I much question, whether it may be
 “ proper to remain long here, for Fear of
 “ the Return of these Savages in the
 “ Night; as you may depend upon it,
 “ they’ll seek Revenge, and murder us,
 “ if possible.”

We all judging this to be wholesome
 Advice, set forward to *Sally*, to whom I
 introduced them, and they saluted her;
 then we agreed to go to the Plains, be-
 yond the last Hill that we came over,
 where one of us should watch all Night,
 while the rest slept; not doubting but that
 if we could discover the Blacks ever so
 little before they came up with us, our
 Dog-Birds would rout them again for
 us.

We

We chose the very Middle of the Plain to repose in, with the Birds about us; where arriving in full Day, we dressed some of the Flesh of our last Beast, and having supped thereon, intreated *Sally* to favour us with the Reasons for her leaving *England*, and an Account of what had befallen her since; and particularly, what had been the Occasion of her coming thither to die, in the strange Manner we apprehended she was designed for.



C H A P. VIII.

Sally delivers her Story. That her Aunt had decoyed her to Sea. Grew melancholy. Hopes for Relief at the Canaries. Disappointed. Tries to destroy herself. Shipwrecked. Taken by Blacks. Sent to their King. Kept amongst his Women. King and People eat their Prisoners. Persuasions to become the King's Mistress. Refuses. Suffers daily Torments. Escapes with an Eunuch of the King's. Retaken. Was crammed for killing. Manner of compelling them to eat. Brought thither to be slain. Desired her Death. Craves an Account of the Author.

“ **M**R. Bingfield, says Sally, your
 “ Friends and you must not ex-
 “ pect, in what I am about to deliver, a
 “ regularly formed Narrative of the Oc-
 “ currences which have happened to me
 VOL. I. F “ since

“ since I had the Pleasure of seeing you
“ last ; for that the Fluctuation of my
“ Circumstances, and the Distresses I have
“ laboured with, have not only destroyed
“ my Peace ; but almost distracted my
“ Brain to such a Degree, that I can
“ scarce form any progressive Plan of my
“ Misfortunes to proceed upon ; but so
“ far as I am at present able to recollect,
“ in short, it is this :

“ My Aunt, with whom I had long resided,
“ ed, suspecting but too truly, the Intimacy
“ cy which at that Time subsisted between
“ yourself and me, had used her utmost
“ Endeavours to prevent its Arrival at
“ Matrimony, (I must be excused, Gentlemen,
“ said she, since you desire the
“ Truth, if I palliate not some Things
“ which possibly may be judged better
“ omitted ; for I shall, for the Sake of
“ Verity, postpone Niceties, leaving them
“ for such as are better qualified for disguising
“ Truth, than I at present find myself
“ self

“ self to be) but perceiving that her Re-
 “ monstrances carried but little Weight
 “ with them in my Esteem, she having
 “ received an Invitation from an Uncle of
 “ mine, who then lived, and for many
 “ Years had resided at *Surat*, in *India*,
 “ for me to come over to him, where he
 “ doubted not of marrying me to some
 “ rich Factor, in a short Time: My
 “ Aunt, I say, unknown to me, made
 “ proper Preparations for my Voyage
 “ thither, hiring me a Maid-Servant to
 “ attend me, and upon Pretence of a Vi-
 “ sit to a Captain lately arrived from her
 “ Brother, took me and the young Wo-
 “ man, my Servant, (tho’ I then knew
 “ her not in that Quality) on Board with
 “ her. We were very handsomely en-
 “ tertained there, and my Aunt pretend-
 “ ing some private Business with the Cap-
 “ tain, desired me to wait in the Cabbin
 “ till she had communicated it to him,
 “ when she would return again; but I
 “ never saw her from that Time to this.

“ I waited with great Impatience for
“ my Aunt’s Return, and expressing some
“ Uneasiness upon that Account to the
“ young Woman, who by this Time was
“ come into the Cabbin to me ; she as-
“ sured me, that my Aunt was gone off
“ to *London*, that the Ship was then un-
“ der Sail, and that herself had been hired
“ to attend me to the *Indies* ; thinking,
“ as she pretended, that I had been ap-
“ prized of the Voyage.

“ I too late became sensible of the
“ Trick that had been played me ; but
“ my sole Trouble now was, that I could
“ have no Opportunity of informing you,
“ Sir, of my Destination : For whenever
“ I required Pen, Ink, and Paper, of the
“ Captain, (my Aunt having taken Care
“ I should have none of them amongst
“ my other Stores, whereof I had Plenty)
“ tho’ otherwise he was all Complaisance
“ to me, I was sure to be put off with
“ some trifling Excuse or other, till we
“ were

“ were out at Sea, and they could be of
 “ no further Benefit to me.

“ My Melancholy grew so upon me,
 “ and my poor Maid’s Compassion arose
 “ to such an Height for me, that she
 “ fairly confessed, she was set as a Spy
 “ over me, and with Tears, begging my
 “ Pardon, offered every Thing in her
 “ Power for my Relief; but alas! it was
 “ too late. We had concerted together,
 “ that when we should touch at the *Ca-*
 “ *naries*, I should feign myself so very
 “ bad, that she would inform the Cap-
 “ tain of the absolute Necessity there was
 “ for my going on Shore for my Reco-
 “ very; where, when we were once land-
 “ ed, we hoped the People of the Coun-
 “ try would assist us, in restraining the
 “ Captain from compelling us on Board
 “ again, contrary to our own Inclinations;
 “ and from thence, I purposed either to
 “ have procured Shipping for *England*,
 “ to have given you Advice of my Situa-

“ tion; not doubting but that your Good-
“ nefs would some how or other have re-
“ covered me: But every Scheme proved
“ fruitless; for the Captain, on our Ar-
“ rival there, refused to land us, and
“ staying but four Days, we set Sail
“ again.

“ I took this Disappointment so to
“ Heart, that I had come to a final Re-
“ solution of casting myself over-board,
“ and had very nearly effected it; had
“ not a Nail, on which my Petticoat
“ hung, prevented me, and hindered my
“ Fall, till Assistance came to save me.
“ I was after this so strictly watched and
“ secured, that any future Attempt of
“ that Kind became impracticable: I
“ therefore concluded upon starving my-
“ self to Death, nay, would have perfect-
“ ed what I had begun, but for a terrible
“ Storm that fell on us (wherein I greatly
“ pleased myself with the Prospect of pe-
“ rishing, which at that Time I should
“ have

“ have esteemed a consummate Happi-
 “ ness) with such Impetuosity, that not
 “ a single Man on Board ever imagined
 “ that we should be able to weather it.
 “ In twenty-four Hours Time it drove
 “ us upon the *African* Shore (as I heard
 “ them say) where the Ship was dashed to
 “ Pieces against the Rocks, from which
 “ the Savage Inhabitants of the Country
 “ removed us in their little Vessels, and
 “ and made us all Prisoners.

“ I was then in daily Expectation of re-
 “ ceiving Death, from some Means of
 “ my own procuring, or from the Na-
 “ tives Cruelty, and had set my Heart
 “ at Rest upon that Prospect; but alas!
 “ I was reserved for harder Fate: For I
 “ had not been above six Days on Shore,
 “ before I was driven above fifty Miles up
 “ the Country, to the King’s Court (as
 “ they called it) together with my Maid,
 “ and clapped into safe Custody, with a
 “ vast Number of his black Women, and

“ two more Whites; where we were at-
“ tended, not only with due Circumspec-
“ tion, but with such Submission, as had
“ we been real Queens, no greater De-
“ ference could have been paid to us, ac-
“ cording to the Methods and Customs of
“ that Nation.

“ The King being just upon the Com-
“ mencement of a War, set out with his
“ Court the Day after my Arrival; so
“ that I did but just see him before his
“ Departure; and really for a Black, he
“ was a well proportioned, and comely
“ Person. He gave very particular Orders
“ for my safe keeping and Accommodation
“ till his Return, which proved to be
“ about fifteen Months afterwards, when
“ he entered his City victorious, with a
“ vast Train of Prisoners, of the con-
“ quered Nation, at his Heels.

“ Soon after his Arrival, a great Num-
“ ber of these Prisoners were tied two and
“ two

“ two together, and escorted to distant
 “ Parts to be sold ; but many others were
 “ reserved for a grand Festival, which
 “ was proclaimed in Commemoration of
 “ the Victory.

“ To this Festival greatest Part of the
 “ Nation resorting, above sixty of the
 “ miserable Wretches were butchered un-
 “ der the very Walls of my Lodging, by
 “ Way of Treat to the Populace, for
 “ three Days together ; the Sight of which
 “ inhuman Barbarity, gave me such a
 “ Disrelish to the Monarch, who enter-
 “ tained himself with the rest on this ge-
 “ neral Carnage ; that from that Instant,
 “ I could neither behold him, or any one
 “ of his Subjects, in any other Light than
 “ as Beasts of Prey, my Aversion was so
 “ heightened against them.

“ No sooner was this bloody Feast end-
 “ ed, and the Town composed again,
 “ but myself and Maid were ushered in

“ before his Majesty, when his Behaviour
“ to us was so beastly, that I even abo-
“ minated him more than ever, and we
“ positively refusing to prostitute our-
“ selves to his Embraces, and to an Ob-
“ stinacy persisting in it, he ordered us
“ back to our Prison, there to undergo
“ such severe Tortures as his Women
“ (for that Purpose appointed) without the
“ least Remorse or Pity, executed upon
“ us for a long Time. These were
“ so exquisite, that at last, my Maid,
“ spent with her Torments, and Despair
“ of their Removal, yielded to his De-
“ mands; but all that he could devise to
“ afflict me with, rather rendered me
“ more stubborn than in the least wrought
“ my Compliance; till by Habit, and
“ from the constant Expectation of their
“ Return and Continuance, I became so
“ familiarized to my Sufferings, as to
“ conceive them less grievous to me; nor
“ had I other Hope left than that Time
“ would wear me out under them.

“ During

“ During the Pressure of those Calami-
 “ ties, his Majesty met with the fre-
 “ quent Mortification of my Refusal of
 “ his Passion, which Gratification of my
 “ Obstinacy, was the greatest Comfort
 “ that I was then capable of enjoying ;
 “ till at length, my Constancy, even in
 “ the Extremity of my Persecution, pro-
 “ cured me a Friend, in the unhappy Eu-
 “ nuch, who was this Morning executed
 “ before me; who commiserating my
 “ Hardships, offered his Assistance in fur-
 “ thering my Escape, himself profering
 “ to be my Guide and Conducter in it.
 “ This being such an Offer as was by no
 “ Means to be withstood, I closed with;
 “ and having appointed the next Night for
 “ the Purpose, he locked all the other
 “ Women into their several Apartments
 “ as usual; but leaving me at large, I
 “ met him at an appointed Rendezvous,
 “ from whence we fled, with what Speed
 “ we were able, towards the Mountains.

“ It

“ It happened, as I hitherto thought,
 “ most unluckily for me, (tho’ the Event
 “ hath proved so contrary) that the very
 “ Morning of our Departure, the King
 “ not having rested well in the Night be-
 “ fore, ordered me to his Chamber, with
 “ full Resolution (as I have since heard)
 “ of forcing me to his Desires; but nei-
 “ ther myself or *Ulda*, my Keeper, were to
 “ be heard of, or seen; after diligent
 “ Search to no Purpose. His Majesty,
 “ stung at the Report, summoned his
 “ Court, and gave strict Orders for scour-
 “ ing the Country (especially the moun-
 “ tainous Parts, as the most likely for us
 “ to procure Shelter in) with Injunction
 “ to bring us before him, dead or alive.

“ This Search being carried on with
 “ such Rigour, nothing less than a Mi-
 “ racle could possibly have screened us
 “ from the vigilant Eyes who were upon
 “ the Hunt for us; but that we not being
 “ blessed with, before the Evening of the
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“ ensuing Day a Party came up with us,
“ and brought us back to the King.

“ We were confined in separate Holds
“ for some Days, till the King had deter-
“ mined on our Sentence; when at length,
“ he resolved, that according to annual
“ Custom, he with his Nobles would feast
“ upon us on this Coast, instead of two
“ others, who had been many Months
“ kept fattening for that Purpose; and
“ accordingly, we were cubbed up, and
“ crammed with the very best of every
“ Edible that the Country would afford,
“ for about six Weeks before the designed
“ Day of our Slaughter.

“ Tho’ I have hinted at extravagant
“ Severities inflicted upon me, yet they
“ were all as nothing to this one Misery
“ of being crammed for killing; for as it
“ is scarce to be believed, that any one
“ should officiously contribute to his Ene-
“ mies Enjoyment, by enriching his own
“ Flesh

“ Flesh for their Repast ; so the little Sto-
 “ mach every one has to that Exercise,
 “ would rather waste him to Skin and
 “ Bone, than multiply his fleshy Sub-
 “ stance, did not the cruel Officer, to
 “ whom that Post is allotted, attend with
 “ his Instruments of Torture, to en-
 “ force his Commands; for upon the
 “ Party’s Refusal to admit the Quantity
 “ appropriated for his Use, this vile
 “ Practicer of Barbarity, puts the Finger,
 “ the Wrist, or other Joint, into a Sort
 “ of Screw, till the Pain obliges the Pa-
 “ tient to gape open his Mouth; when
 “ putting in what he thinks proper, the
 “ Instrument is again screwed harder and
 “ harder, till he swallows it; and this the
 “ base Agent repeats so long as he pleases,
 “ and sometimes (if the suffering Par-
 “ ty thrives not) even till he almost
 “ bursts, than which it is impossible to
 “ conceive more acute Misery.

“ It

“ It is surprizing how some of the
“ Blacks themselves, appointed to this
“ Sort of Death, will of their own Ac-
“ cord feed beyond the Call of Nature,
“ meerly to avoid this Torture by Force ;
“ and will grow extremely fat, in a short
“ Time, by it, going to Death with all
“ the Alacrity imaginable.

“ After this Manner was I used many
“ Times, for refusing my Allowance,
“ when I could possibly submit to receiv-
“ ing no more ; but perceiving that those
“ Cruelties (painful as they were) would
“ not end my Life, (for could I but have
“ expected that, I would have persisted in
“ my Refusal to the Death) for the Ease
“ of my Limbs I complied with eating
“ whatever I possibly could, and grew
“ surprisngly fleshy, for the Time I had
“ been in Feeding.

“ At length, the Day being come, the
“ King and his Nobles met at the Water-
“ Side,

“ Side, when each stepping into his Boat,
“ we were placed in two others, and
“ drawn along with Cords, by those who
“ preceded us; for the Custom general-
“ ly is, that the King and Nobles first sa-
“ crifice on this Land two Victims, to
“ render their Gods propitious, and some
“ Days after they have been to break the
“ Way, the People flock from all Quar-
“ ters, with several other Prisoners, for
“ themselves to feast on; so that there are
“ a vast Number more expected here in
“ a little Time.

“ The Method of sacrificing us, you
“ possibly might have observed in the
“ Death of the Eunuch, who suffered just
“ before I was brought to the Tree; and
“ if your Humanity had not interposed,
“ before this Time I myself had been grilled
“ and eaten, as that poor Creature was,
“ for their Entertainment: But I am now
“ amazed to reflect, with what a Constancy
“ I persevered so long as I did, and with
“ what

“ what Chearfulness I went to the Tree,
“ in Expectation of my final Deliverance;
“ for I had already been such a Sufferer,
“ that what was to succeed shocked me
“ not in the least, but rather inspired me
“ with a Desire of obtaining a Period to
“ my Afflictions.

“ Thus, said she, hath Providence (for I
“ can visibly discern it in all this) at length,
“ by its own devised Means, not only
“ extricated me from my past Dangers,
“ but by the most agreeable Instrument,
“ in your seasonable Interposition for my
“ Relief; and that so far from all Cre-
“ dibility of Expectation, that the pleas-
“ ing Sensation of its Author over com-
“ pensates me for all my past Hardships,
“ by laying me still under fresh Obliga-
“ tions to you, Mr. *Bingfield*. But it
“ begins to be Time for me to turn my
“ Enquiries towards your Life and Trans-
“ actions, and by what possible Means
“ you

“ you can have been conveyed to this
 “ desolate Country, as to that Spot in all
 “ the Globe only, where you could have
 “ contributed to my Freedom and Safe-
 “ ty.”



C H A P. IX.

Author relates his Story to Sally. Reason for the Name of his Dog-Bird. Sally begs Partnership in her. Set a Watch. Sally's Objections answered. Settle their Rout for fear of the Blacks. They have quitted the Coast. Kill a Stag. Coast the Country in Quest of Shipping.

AT Sally's Request, I began my Story, from the Time of her leaving me, with my Distress for the Loss of her; proceeding to my Embarkation for *Africa*, our Shipwreck, and narrow Escape to this Country, with the Means and Methods by which we had hitherto preserved ourselves: Then calling *Sally, Sally*, the Lady wondered what I meant; when my Dog-Bird coming and fawning upon me, I told her, that that poor Creature had in her Absence been her Representative; that I had named it after her, that not only her be-
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loved Name might ever be passing o'er my Tongue, and sounding in my Ears, for their Gratification; but that her Image, ever so dear to me, might by that Means be hourly renewing to my Imagination.

The lovely *Sally* glowed with Delight, upon perceiving herself still accepted by me with such Sincerity; and calling the Creature Namesake, made very much of her; assuring me, that whatever had contributed to conserve the Remembrance of her alive in my Breast, would be ever the first in her Esteem, and that she might still have a further Interest in her Namesake, begged that she might share with me the Right and Property to poor *Sally*.

We were now about to set our Watch, when we three Men drew Lots who should take the first Turn; and as our Nights at that Time were about equal with our Days, each was to do Duty four Hours, which would just carry us through it. The first
Turn,

Turn, upon producing our Lots, fell upon *Joe*; the second on myself, and the third on *Sam*; so that *Joe* rose up to patrol with his Gun on his Shoulder, as Centinel; but I could perceive somewhat of Concern to hover over *Sally*, by her often offering to speak, and checking herself; which giving me some Uneasiness, I enquired into her Discomposure. She replied, That truly, she imagined we had selected the very worst Spot we could have chosen for sleeping on; for that in Case of the Blacks Return, they might here behold us at a Distance by Moon-light, and surrounding, destroy us all, before we knew where we were; for that there being so many of them, and so few of us, if we were encompassed, it would be next to an Impossibility to break through and escape.

I agreed that her Argument proceeded upon a just Hypothesis, taking all to be as she supposed it; but, said I, you take not the greatest Part of our Strength into
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your Account. Our little Army consists of more useful Hands than you think for. “ I know not what you will make of me, “ replied she, which is all the additional “ Strength you have acquired ; but fear, “ upon the Trial, I shall rather prove an “ Incumbrance than any Ways serviceable, “ should we come to an Engagement.” I then answered, that we were seventeen strong without her. “ I presume, said “ she, you reckon my Namesake and the “ rest of her Fraternity into your Muster.” We do so, I replied, and that they were a surer Defence than any double Number of armed Men I could select, had I a good Army to draw them from. Then demanding whether she was not Eye-witness of the Execution they did that Day, she assured me it had escaped her Notice ; for that her Enemies fled she perceived, but from what Motive, exclusive of their Apprehensions from the Sight of us, she could not say.

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I then gave her a Sketch of the Properties of our Dog-Birds, their Undauntedness, and Method of engaging, with the Benefit they had been of, in procuring us a Subsistence; promising her, in Case of no Attack from the Blacks, that she should be a Witness of their Strength and Ferocity the next Day. Thus having calmed her Doubts, we laid us down to rest, till *Joe* should summon me upon Duty.

My Spirits had been so hurried and fatigued that Day, that altho' my Body craved Respite from further Labour, yet my Mind would not permit me to be Partaker of Refreshment, till that also had subsided, and all was quiet within; for having *Sally* so near me, contrary to all Expectation, my Concern for her future Welfare, and my Solitude for her Ease and Comfort, (which at best could not, in that wild Country, be provided for according to my Wish) kept me wakeful as much
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as my Duty upon Watch would have done.

Joe had no great Difficulty in raising me to supply his Place, which at my appointed Hour I took upon me, and in due Time resigned to *Sam*; when laying myself down by *Sally*, who had never stirred during the best Part of the two first Watches, I gained about three Hours Sleep myself.

No sooner had the Sun proclaimed his Approach, by his Fore-runners gilding the Edges of the Eastern Clouds, than we were all on our Feet, in close Consultation where to begin the Operations of the ensuing Day. Our Victuals was spent, and must be recruited; that was unavoidable. Our next Concern was, to gain Satisfaction, whether the Blacks had quitted the Country, or were only withdrawn to the Woods; and if the latter, how we might best avoid any Ambush they might have

have formed to surprize us; for as their Arrows would penetrate at a Distance as well as our Guns, we not having a single Man to spare, the Loss of one of us might prove an Inlet to the Ruin of all; and moreover, I had ten Times the Inducement now I had *Sally* with me, to avoid Danger, than ever I had before.

We determined to proceed to the Hill, from whence we had made our Discovery of the Boats; for if they were removed, we might with some Certainty conclude, that either their Owners were entirely gone off together, or that at least, we had dislodged them from this Part of the Coast, tho' they should happen to be relanded at some greater Distance.

We had a great deal of Cover to pass, before we arrived at our Prospect Hill, and were to a Scruple circumspect in crossing it; for tho' we kept the open Country, as much as possible, yet when we

came near the Covers, we dispatched in our Dog-Birds first, to beat about, and clear the Way for us, and if after some Time hunting they returned quietly, we ventured boldly on, without Fear of Danger.

From the Ridge of this Hill (when we arrived there) we beheld the Shore entirely clear from the Boats; and were then in great Hopes we had been freed from any further Company of our Visitors; for being able to take into our Prospect a large Tract of the Coast, we supposed, that they were returned to their own Country, and would put a Stop to the Excursion of the Commonality, which *Sally* had informed us were to have followed them; so that under these Conjectures, we quietted our Minds with Regard to them.

We now agreed to descend the Hill on the Land Side, and look out for an Hunt
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of Venison or Beef, or what else might present to us; when in less than a Mile's Walk, we roused a Stag, after which we sent our Dog-Birds, who presently brought him to the Ground. This Course was an high Gratification to *Sally*, who had never seen any Thing like it before; but what was still more sensibly pleasing to her was, that our *Sally* was the first that took Stand upon it.

After refreshing ourselves on this Dainty, we began to have an Hankering after our Cell again, having met with nothing importing so secure an Asylum as that, in all our Travels; but we were now at such a Distance from it that for the Sake of that alone, we would not turn back again.

Our March had hitherto been due West from the Cell, nor could we be less, as we imagined, than six or seven-

score Miles from it ; but now the Sea being our Boundary to the West, we resolved upon fixing our future Rout full Southward, that we might acquaint ourselves as near as we could, with the most probable Parts for obtaining Relief in; for as there was so vast a Coast, we could not but conclude, that some Shipping or other must frequent it.

Our Journey continuing for five or six Days on the Top of one Hill only, without the least Descent or Valley all the Way ; on the seventh, we arrived in Sight of the Sea again ; when being vastly above it, and observing the Course both of the Land and Water, we judged ourselves to be upon some Promontory, which had extended itself a long Way into the Sea, and that proceeding further Southward, would be to no Purpose ; so that we altered our Course more Easterly ; for as we had at Times had a Prospect of the
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Northern Sea, and now lately of the West,
and South; we should by travelling to
the East, arrive at a Certainty, whether
we were on an Island, or on some Limb
of the Continent only.



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C H A P. X.

Find several Shell-fish on the Shore. Encompass a Swamp and Rock. See the Blacks behind it. Kill some. Avoid a Flight of Arrows. The Dog-Birds put them to Flight. Many drowned.

BEING all unanimous as to the Rout we had fixed upon, and the Shore being but at the Foot of the Hill, we were some of us desirous of surveying that before we returned to the Inland again, so far as possibly to see no more of it. As we seldom had a protesting Voice amongst us, we all set forward to the Shore, where being arrived, and finding it inclined Eastward, we resolved to coast it some Way.

In this Passage we picked up several Shell-fish upon the Sands, which afforded us a pleasing Variety ; and one Evening, our Birds seized upon a Beast, for which
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we had no Name, it not wholly resembling any other that we had ever beheld; (but what hath since been exhibited to me as a Sea Lioness) so that finding it very agreeable travelling there, we continued our Progress, resting on the Land every Night, above High-water Mark.

I think it was on the fifth Day of our Perambulation on this Flat, that we were opposed by a deep Swamp, which put a Stop to our further Proceedings near the Shore, and obliged us to take a Circuit of a Quarter of a Mile or more Inland, to come round it, and a low Rock which run on the other Side, parallel with the Swamp to the Sea; but we had no sooner arrived at the further Bounds of the Rock, on the Land Side, than we were agast, at an Army of Blacks, who were there collected in different Exercises, and also at the prodigious Number of Boats, which darkened the Face of the Waters for a long Way together, on the Edge of the Shore.

We had unthinkingly stumbled upon this vast Body of People, before we were aware of it; and had now neither Leisure nor Opportunity of consulting Measures for our Preservation, by Engagement or Retreat. I had but just Time to order *Sally* out of Sight, she being so terrified, that she was swooning away, and if she had, must have been her own Doctor, for we could have provided her no Remedy.

The Blacks who had observed us, as soon as we had discovered them, tho' they fled not, neither did they approach us; which Irresolution of theirs, (seeing them who were so numerous at a Stand) inspired us with fresh Courage; but we chose not to venture too near their Arrows, they being to the full as dangerous as our Guns, at Point Blank Shot; but whilst we kept them at the Distance of a curved Flight, we could the better avoid them in their Fall.

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In this Manner stood both our Armies viewing each other, for some Minutes; when *Joe*, who was a very warm Fellow, impatient of Delay, fired amongst them, killing one outright, and wounding another, both of whom we saw drop. He had no sooner fired than our Birds (waiting for no further Encouragement) ran upon them, while they were discharging a Flight of Arrows at us, who retreating behind a Corner of the Rock in our Rear, avoided them; then springing forward again, for Fear of a Pursuit, we levelled our Pieces, and I brought down another, by which Time, *Joe* having recharged, was preparing to fire again; but the Enemy (being most of them Spectators of the Fate of such of their Companions as the Birds had fastened on, who all cried out in the utmost Extremity, and each suspecting his own Turn to be next,) fled with such Precipitation to their Boats, that many of them broke loose empty, by others pushing upon them; several were

turned Keel upwards, with their Lading, and the Confusion was so great, that many more Men were to be seen swimming in the Water, than were shipped on Board their Craft, of which several were left behind them moored to the Shore.



C H A P. XI.

Secure what Boats were left behind. Call Sally out from her Shelter. Find a Black tied. Learned that he was that Day to have been killed. Was of another Country. Sally understood him a little. Many dead Blacks cast up by the Tide. Catch a surprizing Beast. Description of it. Blacks return no more.

IT is impossible, but that the Mind must exult at Conquest; then what must those three Travellers do (for Sally was wholly neuter) at the Dispersion of such a vast Multitude, sufficient by their Numbers, had their Courage and Conduct been equal, to have eaten up our little Army for a Breakfast. Sam and Joe followed till they had quitted the Land for the Water; but I observing that one of our Birds was fastened upon a Black, who was tied with his Hands behind him, I called

called him off, leaving the unhappy Sufferer bound till our Return. We guarded the Shore all that Day, drawing up the Boats to Land, that the Swimmers might have no Prospect of recovering them; for at a vast Distance, we could observe them helping one another on Board, till they were so loaded, that the Boats turned over with them, or sunk outright, whilst others assisting the Unfortunate, were reduced to the same Calamity; but before Night they were all out of Sight.

No sooner were we clear of them, than I called to *Sally* to come forth, who appeared with Trembling; but upon the News of their Dispersion and Departure, she exulted prodigiously. I then took her with me to the poor confined Creature, on whose Back and Shoulders, one of the Birds had but just fixed his Tallons, when he was called off; but he had left such Marks remaining as never after disappeared.

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I desired *Sally*, whom I expected to have well known their Dialect, to ask him the Occasion of his being bound ; but he scarce understood her, being as we afterwards discovered of another Country, a Prisoner taken in the Wars of the two Nations. She demanded whether he was the only one? And was answered affirmatively, that was then alive, there having been forty-nine of them killed and eaten ; and said, that he was just tied for Execution, as we came round the Rock ; for that they were all to have left the Island next Day : Then turning his Eyes up sorrowfully to us, he humbly begged that we would not eat him. *Sally* assured him we would not ; but, added she, had we been your Prisoners, you would not have scrupled eating us. The poor Fellow then spit, in Detestation of the Action ; but she not taking that for a Reality, asked him what he would have done with us? He replied, that he would either have made us his Slaves, or have sold us to those who would ;

would; for that his Countrymen never eat Men in their Lives.

I desired *Sally* to ask him, what he would do with himself, if we should release him? seeing that all his Friends were departed. My Friends! said he, I never desire to see their Face more. I will be your Slave, and serve you. She then asked, whether he would go to his Country in one of the Boats? But he knew no more where it was he said, than we did; giving us some very cramp Name for it, which never after having Occasion to repeat, I have now forgot. We then gave him his Freedom, upon his Parole; with Liberty either to accompany us, or to shift for himself, as he saw fit, either by Sea or Land: Then loosing his Manacles, he fell on his Knees, kissing our Feet, and demonstrating his Gratitude by each sensible Means that he could devise; whereupon, we desired *Sally* to assure him, that so long as he retained his Fidelity to us, he should be treated

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as our Friend, rather than our Slave; tho' even this we had a Right to, by giving him his Life. He acknowledged it, and made Signs for us to hang him if he proved untrue.

The last Thing we did before rest Time, was to go to the Sea, to observe if any Remainder of the shattered Squadron of the black Gentry was yet in View; when the Wind setting in to the Shore, tho' we could not discover any of the People, several of their Boats were driving about, all empty; some in one Figure, some in another, with no few dead Carcasses, thrown in by the Surges.

The poor Fellow asked *Sally*, if we had nothing to eat, for that he having been fatted, had only subsisted upon Water for the three last Days, that he might die empty. *Sam* hearing him inquisitive after Food, pointed to one of the Blacks, who had been killed by the Dog-Birds; but
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he shook his Head, saying, that he could at worst lie down and die by him, but that he would not eat him, to preserve his own Life.

Whilst we were watching the Shore, for we never entirely left it all Night, the Tide being down, we saw something, to our thinking, move at the Edge of the Swamp, behind the End of the Rock, next the Sea; and observing it to retire from the Shore, we took it by its Bulk, for a Bull, or Cow; so having nothing else to do, we went forwards towards it. We were now sure that it was a large Beast, but of what Denomination we could not be positive; for it having entered the Flaggs, we could only see a Shaking of them to direct us to it: So clapping on two or three of our Dog-Birds, they soon drove it through the Swamp, Inland, to the further Part of the Rock, whence we had first seen the Blacks; but as we could not possibly follow it the Way that it took, we
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ran round the Rock to meet it, and came up just as the Birds had brought it to the Ground. Upon Examination of its Parts, it was so far from resembling any single Beast that we had before seen, that we were amazed at its Bulk and Proportion; however, we cut his Throat, and fleaing it, prepared a Part for our Suppers, reserved a Portion for our future spending, and feasted our Dog-Birds on the Remainder.

This Creature I would willingly describe, but can scarce draw it into Comparison with any others, save that its Head was between that of an Ox and an Horse; but larger than either of them, and very broad. It had very short Ears and small Eyes, and the Forepart came the nearest to a Bull's of any Thing; but had a short thick Neck, with monstrous Legs, and large cloven Feet. The Body was prodigiously thick and protuberant, somewhat like that of an Elephant, with much such a whisk
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Tail; but in Proportion to the Legs, the Body was far larger than the Elephants. Whether it was a fierce or docile Animal, was impossible to know; because it was dead before we could have an Opportunity of examining its Disposition; but certainly it was an amphibious one, and could subsist in either Element, Air or Water; and what more confirmed me in this Belief was, a fishy Taste that the Flesh was impregnated with; for otherwise, to the Sight, it appeared like large Beef.

We deserted not this Spot for some Days, for the Sake of this large Beast, of whose Flesh both we and our Birds partook, so long as it remained sweet and edible; by which Time being thoroughly persuaded that the Blacks had quite forsaken the Island, we set out again for the Eastern Tour we had before projected.

C H A P. XII.

Travel Eastward. Malack, the Black, a most honest Fellow. Sally and he understand each other. Author suspicious of Sam and Joe. Engages Malack in his Interest by Means of Sally. Suspects his Companions design to debauch Sally. Caball separately. Two Birds following a Lioness, Author pursues. Sally's Cries recall him. Sam and Joe attempting a Rape on Sally. Author kills Joe. Shatters Sam's Arm with a Bullet. Sam confesses the Plot. Dies. Relieve Sally. Malack recounts the Onset. Sally confesses her Obligation. Cloath Malack.

WE were now upon our Eastern Journey, and a most loving Companion we had of poor *Malack* (for that was the Name of the Black whom we had released.) He would carry all the Guns for us, and would even have born ourselves too,

too, by his Good-will, had it been possible; nor could the honest Creature think that he could ever recompense us, for the Benefit we had done him. He was here, there, everywhere, at the least Nod, or Beck of ours; nor could we afford him greater Delight, than in accepting of his Service, by putting him upon any Employment.

Sally and he, being able to make out each others Speeches, he was extremely fond of her Conversation; but when he had heard her Story, and how she was to have suffered in the same Manner with himself, if we had not opportunely interposed, and prevented Execution; how did he bless us, and after bestowing all the other Encomiums that he could heap together upon us, he told her, that he believed us to be more than Men, and near Relations of his God *Scarf*, which was certainly the greatest Honour he could pay us.

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Being now five of us in Company, our Travel became very agreeable to us for several Days ; till we were centered in the Heart of the Country : It was then I first began to perceive, that *Joe* and *Sam* (in spite of the thin Covering they veiled it with) were ever casting a wanton Eye on *Sally*, and by a certain Reservedness in their Behaviour, and contrary to Custom, associating more and more by themselves, I began to suspect that some Mischief was hatching against me, for *Sally's* Sake ; for notwithstanding we were in our then present Conditions, so much upon a Level ; yet I having by their Choice, born a Pre-eminence heretofore, had without seeking it, preserved a Sort of Authority among them, and they had all along paid a voluntary Submission, and Deference to my Opinion and Judgment ; but now I plainly perceived, that on a sudden, the Case was altered, all Distinction was lost, and that it being my Proposal was sufficient Grounds for a Contradiction ; nor could I recollect
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from what other Source this Change could proceed, than my interposing between them and *Sally*, against whose Honour I persuaded myself they were forming Attempts. I was thoroughly sensible what little Stress is usually laid upon old Friendship, where once Lust has gained Dominion in the Heart; nor could they, as I imagined, look upon themselves more secure from me in the Prosecution of their Passions for her, than I could esteem myself from them.

Now it appearing daily more and more conspicuous to me, that some such Thing was actually in Agitation, as might, nay must in its Consequence, if not of my Life, at least deprive me of all my future Hopes in *Sally*: I endeavoured by every Means to counterplot them, and for that Purpose formed a stricter Alliance with *Malack*, by expressing a most tender Regard for him, and employing every Artifice (in their Absence) for attaching him

to my Interest. I likewise declared my Suspicions to *Sally*, and used her Influence over *Malack*, to rivet me in his Affection, preferable to *Joe* or *Sam*, and by private Hints to bring them into Disrepute with him.

All this having pretty well effected, we conjointly took the Opportunity of mentioning to *Malack* our former Engagements to each other, in our own Country; and the Distrust we had, (as there was but one Woman amongst us) of our Companions ill Designs on me, in Order to pave their Way to the debauching of her, which they must be sensible would prove a fruitless Attempt, so long as my Life remained whole in me. I therefore told him, that as I was the sole Instrument of first engaging the Blacks, at the Release of *Sally*, which had I not brought them into, we had never attempted relieving him; so it would be but a Part of generous Retalliation in him to protect and assist *Sally* and me,

me, in his Turn, in Case either my Life or her Virtue should be in Danger, from two lawless, lustful Villains, without the least previous Offence given on our Parts.

Having with no small Difficulty given *Malack* a Sense of our Fears, the Reasons for them, and of the Part we would have him take, in Case of an open Rupture between us; he readily acknowledged it to be his Duty to assist the Injured, against Oppressors too mighty for them; and heartily espoused our Cause, and engaged in our Defence.

When I had brought him to my Cue, I assured him, that I should make but little more Use of him, than to stand by me if we should engage; for as that would probably be with our Guns, of which they would have two to my one, I would prepare a second Charge for mine, which he holding in Readiness, should apply as I
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would direct him, that I might not be left long defenceless after my firing.

Malack promising to act according to my Orders, I cut him up a strong Stick to defend himself with, and to annoy the Enemy, when he should see the fittest Opportunity; for I told him, that should we once enter upon Action, I was determined not to skin it over, so that it might break out unexpectedly again upon me; for that I would never more than once, trust my Life in the Hands of any Man, who should attempt it, in Prosecution of such base Views as they must have (before they could even wish me any Mischief) tho' upon the solemnest Protestations of Repentance, which I was very certain, would last but till they could gain a proper Advantage over me.

We had now enjoyed but little of *Joe* and *Sam's* Companies for several Days; and indeed, scarce any of it, save at Meal Times;

tho' they withdrew themselves not far from us, and what I feared the most of any Thing was, that they would murder me in my Sleep; for it was very visible to me, that they were no less jealous of me, than I was of them.

A few Days afterwards, as *Malack*, *Sally*, and I, were pursuing our Journey together, through a Thicket towards the Edge of a Lawn, *Joe* and *Sam* being somewhat further in the Bushes to our Left, a Lioness and two Whelps rushed out of the Cover, just before us. The Beast made a Stop fronting us, and to my thinking, was about to leap on us, when giving a Shout and Chear to the Dog-Birds behind me, the Creature no sooner espied them than she fled, with the young ones after her, to the Lawn. The Birds now being in Pursuit, I followed to the Plain, leaving *Malack* and *Sally* behind me, still in the Thicket; she, poor Soul, being under such a Surprize at Sight
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of the Lioness, that she was ready to sink, and consequently unable to follow me.

I had not run a Furlong upon the Plain, before I was struck with such an horrid Cry for Help, as put a Stop to my Pursuit of the Beasts, and returned me with equal Speed back again, to the Relief of *Sally*, from whose Voice I was but too sure the Cry proceeded; but it still continuing louder, added Wings to my Feet, and the most acute Distress to my Mind, till I could arrive to aid her. I doubted not but that *Joe*, or *Sam*, or both of them, were perpetrating their Villainy upon her, and should the Mischief be done before I am able to reach her, said I, then I am past all Redemption undone for ever.

Just as I was pushing into the Thicket, I met *Malack* with a Gun in his Hand, who began to inform me what was transacting, but in such Confusion and broken Dialect, as my Haste would not permit

me to interpret; but beckoning to him to follow me, I sprung through the Underwood to the Place where the Cry called me; when it was but too demonstrable, what those Ruffians were preparing to transact.

Poor *Sally* lay extended on the Ground, with *Sam* at her Feet, and *Joe* at her Head, streightening and drawing out her Limbs, while she contended with all her strongest Efforts against their Attempt. Their Eagerness in the Persecution of their Villainy prevented their Discovery of me; so that being well assured no real Injury had as yet happened to her, I rested a Moment for Breath, and to recollect my Spirits for Direction, in what Manner to proceed with them.

I had my Gun at my Shoulder, but the Dread of accidentally hurting *Sally*, prevented my discharging it; till *Joe*, seemingly in great Heat, raising himself

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to wipe his Face with his Sleeve, I could no longer withstand the offered Occasion, but directly shot him through the Head; so that his Corps fell cross *Sally's* Body.

Sam, starting at the sudden Burst of the Gun, and the Fall of his Comrade, snatched up his Piece which lay by him, in Order to return me the Salute; but had not Time to fire before I had disburthened *Malack* of the Gun he brought me, and that Instant letting fly, had shattered *Sam's* Right Arm to Pieces; when his Gun dropping, I rushed in upon him. “Rascal, said I, your Treachery is returned upon your own Heads, nor shall you long survive the Loss of this Member, which hath so lately been employed in abusing Innocence.” Then taking up his Gun, I was preparing to dispatch him. The poor Wretch was so faint with the Loss of Blood, which flowed from his Arm, that he could stand no longer; but sat down and begged for his Life.

I observing then that *Sam* was past further Mischief, delivering the Gun to *Malack*, ran to the Assistance of the distressed *Sally*, who still lay under the Weight of *Joe*, so terrified, that she was unable to free herself from his Corpse. I turned him aside, and raised her on her Seat ; but the Shock had seized her so violently, that she was scarce able to support herself, when calling *Malack* to my Aid, we set her with her Back against a Tree ; then kissing her, I begged her to compose herself, since her Enemies were no longer able to distress her, and returned again to *Sam*, for certain Knowledge of his Circumstances.

The Blood sprung from the great Artery of his Arm with such Violence, that had I prized his Life ever so highly, I perceived it would be impossible, (with the best Help that I could afford him) to save it. Then assuring him, that I judged him to be a dying Man, I urged him to make a true Confession of who had first framed
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this wicked Design against *Sally*, and what was to have followed, had they been successful; for I told him, that they could not but imagine I would have persisted to Death in Defence of her Chastity.

Sam, who by this Time was as sensible of his Departure being at Hand as I was, extending his Left-Hand to my Right, (which I gave him) heartily begged my Pardon for the intended Injuries to myself and the Lady, which he assured me was all his own contriving; tho' *Joe* very readily came into it, in Hopes of having a Woman between them, in that desolate Country; but that their Design was not to have used any Practice against her, before they had dispatched me; till the Opportunity of her being left with only *Malack* offering, they could then no Ways postpone their Resolution; expecting, that after deflowering her, they should have been prepared for my Death, e'er I should

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have returned; when their Purpose was, to have shot me from behind the Bushes.

Sam making so sincere a Confession, I could scarce refrain from pitying him; but he had much ado to deliver his whole Account; nor had he sooner finished it, than he dropped on his Side, when a few convulsive Struggles carried him off.

On my Return to *Sally*, I found her recovering apace, to which the Report of *Sam's* Death not a little contributed. I informed her of his Confession, and of the Scheme they had laid for my Destruction; but having not as yet been apprized of the Particulars, I began to question *Malack* in what Manner the Assault upon *Sally* had begun?

Malack answered, that no sooner had I quitted the Thicket, than *Sam* and *Joe* rushed upon him and *Sally*, and presenting their Fire-Arms at him, ordered his Retreat,

treat, which he obeyed, well knowing that any Opposition of his against two desperate armed Men would be fruitless. He went not far, he said, before he heard *Sally* cry out violently; when suspecting what they were at, he again advanced towards them, who had by this Time thrown her on the Ground, and were behaving as he thought so barbarously to her, that had it been in his Power, he would have killed them both; but observing one of their Guns to lie at some Distance from them, he took it up, with Design to have done as he had once observed me to do; but said, that he knew not how to go about it. He had then an Intent of securing the other Gun too; but that he must have passed close by them for it, when possibly, he might have lost what he had gotten, if not his Life with it; so he judged it pruder to content himself with one, than to lose both.

Sally having interpreted to me all *Malack's* Discourse. "O, Mr. *Bingfield*, added she, this is now the second Time that I stand indebted to you for my Life, at the Peril of your own. What owe I not to your Goodness to me! But this Accident having so much reduced our Number, what shall we be able to do, should the Blacks return to us again?"

I told her, that I was under no Apprehensions from them, we being now so far from the Sea Coasts, and in a quite different Part of the Country to what they frequented; however, having our Dog-Birds still with us, I told her, I feared neither them or any Thing else hurting us: But, says I to *Malack*, take you up the two Guns, and put on one of the Deceased's Cloaths, (for he was stark naked, save a Piece of *Sam's* Skirt of his Coat tied round his Middle) and bring me the Breeches for

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Sally (who as yet had no other Covering than the Coat I gave her at first) and then we'll leave this melancholy Spot; for the very Thought of it fills my Mind with Confusion and Horror.



C H A P. XIII.

Proceed on their Journey. Sally teaches Malack English. The Author's Discourse of Marriage with Malack. Malack evinces it was no Crime to marry Sally. Proposes it to her. Her Answer. Persuasive Arguments of the Author. Sally complies. The Ceremony.

W H E N we had adjusted Matters according to my Inclinations, we set forward from that detested Place, in further Search of the Country ; but being unwilling to leave the Lioness and Whelps behind us, (for I doubted not but that the Dog-Birds had killed them) we turned towards the Plain, where we met two of the Birds returning from the Slaughter, so full, they were ready to burst ; nor were they the only ones that had feasted themselves, for there was but very little of the Carcasses left, and what was, remained upon

upon the Bones of one of the Whelps, which had ran the furthest. We picked up sufficient however, for our own Dinners, giving the rest amongst such of the Birds as, remaining with *Sam* and *Joe*, had not been at the Chace.

We pursued the Eastern Point for many Days, under Amazement, that after so long Travel, we should neither have reached the Ocean, or the least Traces of human Beings; but as we were now at Ease in our Minds, Time lay not so disquietly on our Hands, as while our Lives and Honours seemed dependent on the precarious Caprice of other Men; and in Order to amuse ourselves at leisure Times, *Sally* taught *Malack* to speak *English*, till he could do it intelligibly enough to us, who were used to him; after which, he would divert us mightily with Stories of his own Country, where, from his Report, he was no mean Person, being the King's Brother; but surely so good a Creature, so harm-

harmless, and so inviolably attached to our Interest, never lived as *Malack* was.

He having heard the History of our Loves, and its long Standing, was saying to me one Day, Ah *Neve!* (which with them signified Master, as *Nefs* did Mistress, he always using that Form of Speech to *Sally* and me) “How blessed
“are you, to have the Woman you love,
“and who loves you, always so near to
“you! But I am amazed at your making
“no better Use of it; for you only converse, and seem pleased with each other’s
“Company: Now had I my Love here,
“I should use her otherwise, and as a
“good Woman ought to be treated.”

“*Malack*, said I, it is not the Custom
“of my Country to lie with any Woman
“we love, and would be constant to, till
“we are married.” “Married, replied
“he, what you call that?” I then explained (as far as few Words would permit)

mit) what I meant by Marriage, and the solemn Engagement Man and Wife entered into, to be true and faithful to each other ; and that we were to take upon us that Obligation before an holy Man, appointed for that Purpose. “ What? Says “ he, I presume he is to be Witness to “ it.” I replied that he was ; but that the King of Heaven was also the Grand Witness to it, to whom we appealed for our Sincerity. “ And are you, and my *Nefs*, “ said he, never to enjoy more of each “ other than you do, till you can meet “ with an holy Man?” I told him no, it would not be decent, till we were wholly appropriated to each other ; but that Ceremony being once over, then, we could no more part, tho’ it were to gratify the Humour of either of us ever so much.

Malack was very inquisitive, whether the holy Man made any Promise for us? I answered no, we only made it for ourselves.

selves. “ If that be the Case, replied he,
 “ and you are both willing to make the
 “ Promise, can’t I be Witness to it, as well
 “ as the holy Man? For it may be as well
 “ made here as in your own Country, I
 “ should think: A Promise once made,
 “ being as strictly to be performed in one
 “ Place as another; neither matters it,
 “ who it is made before, so it be but
 “ made; but you say, it must be before
 “ the King of Heaven; then think you
 “ he can’t hear us in this Country, as
 “ well as in yours?”

I must confess, that *Malack’s* Discourse
 seeming so void of all Manner of Preju-
 dice, flowed so easily from natural Reason
 that I was at a Loss how to oppose his
 Argument; and yet, my Plea was wholly
 insignificant without it. *Sally* (in whose
 Absence our Theme was begun) coming
 up, I repeated to her Part of our Dia-
 logue, which having finished: “ What,
 “ says I, is your Opinion of this *Sally*?”

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She modestly answered, with a Blush, that having never considered it, she left those Niceties to the Learned ; beginning to vary the Discourse, by relating what she had been taking Notice of in her Walk, with Endeavour to withdraw our Attention from the Subject we were upon ; but unwilling to drop the Argument, now we were so fairly engaged, I pursued it, by making *Malack* re-deliver his Opinion (upon what, I told her, I had advanced on the contrary Side of the Question) in his own Sentiments ; nor would I quit my Hold, till we had so thoroughly canvassed it, that I was in Hopes a Proposal of that Nature would not be contemptuously rejected, even by *Sally* herself, for whose Virtue I had ever retained the sublimest Notions, considering the Necessity of the present Case.

I had for some Days so deliberated, consulted, scanned over, and canvassed this matrimonial Affair in my own Mind, that
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I had wrought myself into a clear Conviction of its Legality; and then having prepared my whole Force of Artillery in Support of my Pretensions, I attacked *Sally*, most earnestly intreating her to divest herself of all Prejudice and Prepossession, and to reflect that we were (even in *England*) so united in Affections, that nothing from within either of us procrastinated our Happiness, or aught but the formal Fears, and Jealousies of Disobedience to Superiors, and our future Welfare dependent thereon, should we have proceeded contrary to their Inclinations; but as that, I told her, could not bear a Part in the present Debate, where only the Legality of the Act (under our present Circumstances) could come in Question, I could see no other Restraint upon Earth capable of debarring us those Freedoms, and that Felicity, which our Inclinations (I hoped) both tended to; and as to the Legality of it, I assured her, that I meant to promise her the same Fidelity, and to
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adhere to it in the same Sense and Manner, as if compelled to it by the strictest Laws of our own Country.

I argued then from several other Motives more speculative, as that the Will alone made the Wedlock, in Fact, and that we ought not to live in Suspence, and Diffidence of each other. That the Ceremony performed in Publick, only denoted to the World that we were Man and Wife; which *Malack* now, being the only one who could condemn us, would himself be deprived of, by being Evidence of our Union; and concluded, that for two Persons to be for ever incapable of uniting happily, because such a particular Ceremony was incompatible with their then Situation, was to me the most absurd and shocking Position imaginable, and tended to the annulling that universal Precept of encreasing our Species, and compleating the Demands of our Natures.

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In short, I urged these Reasons, and many more too tedious to be repeated, in so convincing a Manner to *Sally*, that she told me, she had too great a Sense of my Esteem for her, and of my own natural Probity, to imagine that I would aim at the Commission of any Thing, contrary to my best informed Judgment on the Divine Law; much less that I would, for any Satisfaction to myself, endeavour to impose upon her Weakness to accompany me in it; therefore, added she, give me but Assurance that yourself are fully convinced of the Legality of the Act, under our present Circumstances, and that alone shall silence all further Objections of mine to it.

I complied with her Demand, and kissing her, protested before *Malack*, that I proposed eternal Truth and Constancy to her, in as ample Manner as if our Marriage had been celebrated in the most solemn Form used on Earth; then taking her

her Hand in mine, she engaged the like Fidelity to me; but could not at the same Time avoid protesting, that nothing but the positive Impracticability of receiving me as her Husband according to the *English* Custom, should have engaged her to the present Compliance; from which Instant we became Man and Wife, and lived together ever after as such.



C H A P. XIV.

Malack's Joy at the Marriage. Lived happily. Had given over all Thoughts of England. Gain a View of the Eastern Sea. Hear Musick. A vast Train ascending from the Sea. Gain a Hill for further View of them. A Valley full of Stone Erections. The Train march back again. Take Shipping. Descend to the Valley. Find two Men chained. Make Signs to each other. Author had Thoughts of releasing them.

IF I was under the strongest of Obligations to *Malack* for those Hints, which in their Consequence had supplied me with every Felicity I had ever craved in Life, they centering in the Enjoyment of my dearest *Sally*; *Malack* was no less delighted to see us thus happy, than if himself had obtained the Mistress he left behind him; but what heightened his Satisfaction was,
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my frequently assuring him, that but for the Hints he had given me, I should still have lain under the Embarrassment of my former Scruples; so that he now having an Interest in our Prosperity, esteemed it not the meanest Part of his own Happiness.

We spent the Remainder of this Year in great Tranquility still, by gentle Stages, gaining to the Eastward: Nor (having now so long been Masters of our own Inclinations) cast we many anxious Thoughts towards either *England*, or any other Country; for we were become so habituated to the Soil we were fixed on, that we had few other Thoughts than of living and dying there: But alas! How broken and confused are human Dreams of Happiness! How small a Portion of Futurity can we poor Creatures comprehend! We are neither certain of the Continuance of present Blessings, or capable of warding off future Evils.

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Our long Walk to the East was at length terminated, in a Prospect of the wide Ocean, which ascertained to us, that the Land we inhabited was an oblong Island ; and that unless, by the Means of Shipping, we could procure a Discharge from it, we might end our Days in Travel, like an Horse in a Pound, without ever exceeding our Limits ; but as we had Room enough, and no Want of Provisions, save Salt and Bread, we had it only in our Choice to render our Lives as comfortable as we could, without either.

We were now descending from the Eastern Hills to the Shore, between us and which there was still one single Cliff to be ascended, whence was a very steep, and almost perpendicular Fall to the Water. As we were mounting up the last Ascent, it may be a Quarter of a Mile from the Shore, we of a sudden heard Musick. This unaccustomed Sound engaged all our Attention ; but the Strand lying so high
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against the Shore, we could only imagine it to be caused by the Instruments of some Ship sailing near the Coast, and as yet under Cover of the Cliffs; for we could only behold the Sea at some Distance over them.

The nearer we approached to the Summit of the Cliffs, the more sensibly were we affected with the Sound, which seemed to be very solemn and engaging. We were satisfied that it must be composed of a great Variety of Instruments, but they were mostly of such Tones as we had not been acquainted with; however, imagining it to be Ship Musick, our Hopes were elevated by the Expectation that we might by their Means be conveyed to some known Shores, which spurred us on to the View of them.

The Eagerness of our March in ascending the Cliffs, had prevented our beholding a vast Company of People, cloathed

all in White, who had entered from the Shore, through a narrow Passage in the Cliff, and were by this Time, gotten more inland than ourselves; but at the Heighth of the Cliff we beheld not one single Ship only, but a great Number of small Vessels, lying just off the Land.

Not seeing them under Sail, or any living Creature moving upon the Sands, we could not imagine to whom they should belong, c what Occasion should have brought them thither: But while we were attentive to them, we thought we heard the Musick more behind us, when looking about us, we espied this prodigious Train of People, walking three and three, abreast, with the Musick before them, and at a few Ranks Distance from the Musick, there seemed to be something White, lying on a Sort of Stage, borne upon Mens Shoulders.

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The Nakedness of the Cliff prevented any Concealment of ourselves from them; but they moving obliquely from us, we could not perceive that they took the least Notice of us. They proceeded very slowly, but with great Regularity and Solemnity, through a small Wood in their Front, till we had entirely lost all Sight of them.

Being very curious to discover the Mystery of this grand Procession, I proposed to gain the Top of another Hill, a little Distance from the Wood they had entered, from whence I supposed we might be able to observe their further March, and gain some Insight into the Design of it.

We made towards this Hill with all Speed, and from its Summit perceived them still in March to a Valley surrounded by small Risings and Trees; on the Area of which stood a Number of low Erections, seemingly built of Stone, in the Nature

of separate Cells, or sepulchral Monuments, of different Forms and Devices.

We were determined to maintain our Stations till we should discover with what Intent they marched thither; for the whole Train could consist of little less (in our Apprehension) than a thousand People. No sooner were they arrived at these small Buildings, than the Stage was grounded; but what followed we could not descry for the Crowd, who were collected about it, all into a Ring, as close as ever they could stand by each other, and many deep.

When they had continued in this Position about an Hour, the Stage was elevated again; and instead of the white Thing, which before lay upon it, we could plainly discover a Man, in an upright Posture, standing thereon; and the Multitude now moving very briskly, shouted all the Way they went, and the Musick displayed its Harmony in the most cheerful

ful and sprightly Airs. In short, the whole Scene was changed, from a grave Solemnity to an Excess of Mirth and Jollity.

We could not still conceive what all this Parade tended to, nor did we chuse to gratify our Curiosity, by an Exposure of our Persons to an Assembly, for whom we had very much varied our Esteem since their first Appearance; so that we lay still till they had all embarked again, and were put out to Sea; then taking one more View of the Valley, before we descended the Hill, we conjectured that we saw two small Heaps of somewhat, which they must have left behind them; since we were all sure, that we had not observed them before the Multitude retired.

Whilst we were debating on what these Heaps (as we called them) should be, I started the Proposal, that as we had Day enough before us, we would take a Walk

to the Valley, and examine what these seeming Buildings were; for we could not imagine them to be inhabited, by our not being able to point out any one stirring near them; and I told *Sally*, that it was not improbable, but we might find a Place of Retreat there, which might serve us for a future Habitation.

This Proposal I had only Time to start, before I put it in Execution; but upon our nearer Approach to these Heaps, how were we amazed at the Sight of two fine jolly Men sitting, one on each Side of one of the little Buildings, with their Heads inclined forwards, wringing their Hands and bemoaning themselves most lamentably!

We halted at about thirty Paces from them, and calling to them, beckoned them forward to us; when they holding up their Legs, and rattling their Chains, indicated, that they could not remove from
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their Posts. *Malack* was for leaving them there; but they seeming to implore our Aid and Pity, I could not consent to it; then advancing still nearer, I now heard such a Groan as almost stupified me; when being satisfied that it proceeded from neither of the Persons whom we saw, I stopped short, and again hearing another, was about to fly, for Fear of some Ambuscade; but were it so, thinks I, they would be silent. At length however, I ventured up to one of the chained Men, enquiring (by the best Signs that I could use to him) the Cause of his Confinement.

The poor Man wept, and after much ado, by Signs to his Head, and to the Stone Building, and such other Tokens as he judged to be most significant, he gave me to understand, that his King was entombed alive under those Stones, and that himself and the other Prisoner were two of his best Friends, and chained there to perish with their Master; nor did he seem

so much concerned for himself as for his King; for upon my attempting to free him, he put by my Hand, and pointing to the Stones, intimated, that his Master was first to be regarded.

I not perfectly understanding all this Man's Motions, could not absolutely divest myself of all Doubt of the Reality of his Story; for tho' that somebody was in the Building was very apparent, from the Groanings which proceeded thence, and that himself and his Companion were chained to it, was as true; yet whether he within Side was a King, or a Robber; or whether the chained Men were his Ministers, or Accomplices in his Villainies, was more than I could penetrate into; but yet, it grieved me but to think of leaving them all to perish there.

C H A P. XV.

The Author's Reflections. Sally dubious. Malack passive. Tries to release the two Men. Malack understands them. Release one. Forces the Stones of a Tomb. Releases Bomarrah, a Captive King, from it. His Gratitude. And Majesty. Bomarrah's Story. Was entombed alive by his Nephew an Usurper. Mentions where they are gone to crown him.

AS what I had an anxious Mind to undertake, was not without its Difficulties, I would not rashly pursue the Bent of my Inclination, till I had seriously reflected on the Consequences. At length, after several other Cogitations, thinks I, what if I should release them, and they should prove as base to me, as Sam and Joe, and upon the same Account too? What should I say? Or how could I excuse myself to Sally, or even to my-

self? At length, my Compassion gaining the Ascendant, I could no longer suffer my Fellow-creatures to languish in that Misery, which I was capable of discharging them from; so summoning my Council, of *Malack* and *Sally*, I reported to them, what I apprehended the Man had meant by his Motions, and likewise my Scruples on the Head, together with my anxious Concern for their Release; at the same Time subjoining, that believing it to be my Duty to free them, we must submit the Event to Providence.

Sally was no more void of her Fears than I was, and on the same Account too; but still said, that it would be cruel to suffer them to perish, for a Surmize only, which probably might never be verified. As for *Malack*, he was wholly passive in the Affair; so having gained my Wife's Consent, I went to Work to release the Captives.

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Tho' the Man and I were both fully apprized, that neither of us understood a single Syllable that the other said; yet neither of us could forbear talking to the other, as regularly as if we had; but so soon as *Malack* came up, and heard him, he immediately put a Question to him, the Words of which, tho' I now forget, the Purport of it was, whether we could speak the *Songee*? (which I afterwards understood to be a general Language, which would carry a Man through as many Kingdoms in that Part of the World, as *French* will amongst us in *Europe*;) to which the Stranger earnestly replying, that he could, they fell into immediate Discourse together; but the Prisoner's Impatience for the Discharge of his Master, would scarce allow us Time for assisting him, nor did I well know how to compass what I had undertaken; for the Chain was too strong to give Way to any Force that I could apply to it; till observing that the Staple, with which it was fastened to the Stone,

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projected about three Inches, I despaired not (by repeated Blows with a large Stone) of bending it backwards and forwards, till it broke, which in several repeated Attempts I compassed.

The poor Man was no sooner freed, tho' the Chain still had his Leg in Hold, than he embraced me; then laying his Head on the Ground, he took my Foot and would have placed it thereon; but I was so far from permitting it, that I raised and kissed him, which he accepted as the greatest Honour imaginable; then running to the Tomb, he smote it with his Hand, and looked round it on every Side, but was wholly at a Loss for opening it.

I left *Malack* in Discourse with the other Prisoner, whilst I took a Survey of the Tomb, and considered how I might best uncover it. As for the Sides, and Ends, (for it was an oblong Square) there was no Probability of penetrating them; but the whole

whole Roof being composed only of three Stones, as I could discern, two large flat ones, which stood Edge-ways, inclining inwards, and almost touching at the Top, and one other laid Length-ways, upon the upper Edges of them; I had Hopes of gaining Admittance there, tho' the Joints were so fine, and the Stones so thick and ponderous, that I was not insensible of the Difficulty it would be.

I took the broken Staple, and flattening the broken Ends of it between the Stones, I drove them into the new Mortar, by repeated Strokes, till I had forced the upper Stone to gape a little; then I cut a Stick Wedge-wise, driving that in to take the Bearing off from the Staple, then alternately driving the Staple, and the Stick, at length we heard the King (as they called him) within, making some low Noise, (for he was almost suffocated) but he soon made much more, as the Air entered the Crevice; and (as the Stranger told me, by his

his Speeches) was afraid, that his Enemies were coming to put him to a worse Death ; but he soon satisfied him to the contrary, and that we were about to release him.

We had now raised the upper Stone above an Inch from the other, but could move it no further, till by cutting a strong Lever, and prizing with it, we threw it quite off from the Top ; but not regarding where it fell, if *Malack*, who observed it was coming, had not dragged the other Prisoner away to the Length of his Chain, he had certainly been crushed to Pieces by the Fall of it.

Having removed the Top Stone, we had but little Difficulty in prizing off one of the Side ones, when out stepped the King ; but had I had no prior Intimation who he was, I should easily have discovered Majesty in his very Movement and Gesture. The Mein and Sentiments wherewith he accosted me, as his Deliverer, were truly

truly noble and magnificent; tho' I am persuaded, the latter lost much of their Energy, by passing from the Mouth of the Stranger, in the *Songee* Tongue, to *Malack*, my Interpreter; and I am the rather of that Opinion, for that when his Majesty understood that *Malack* spoke the *Songee*, he addressed himself to him, who delivered his Sayings to me, in much more refined Elegance than I had before received them from a third Hand.

I remember that one of his Speeches, or pretty like it, was, when he took me by the Hand, and kissed me: "Let it be
 " recorded, great Sir, amongst the glorious Atchievements of your Life, as
 " none of the least worthy of your Actions, that by your Hand alone, the
 " most illustrious *Bomarrab* was raised
 " from his Sepulchre, to triumph over
 " his own, and his Country's Enemies."

It was surprizing, amidst the Horrors of a desolate Wild, alone too, (as I may say) and deserted (in Comparison of the Crouds about the Usurper, as we afterwards understood) what true State and Majesty that Man preserved, within the proper Bounds of a decent Modesty, and Gratitude to his Benefactors; but I must not, in extolling the Virtues of his King, leave the other Favourite any longer in Durance; for having freed him too from the Stone, tho' not from his Chain, I received his Applauses, and Caresses, with abundant Satisfaction.

Having nothing more now to do, but to enjoy ourselves, after the Benefits bestowed, and received on both Sides, we retired to the little Wood, (it growing into the Evening) and took up our Rest there for that Night; but none of us inclining to sleep directly, I ordered *Malack* to signify to his Majesty, what a Satisfaction I should receive at the Relation of that Misfortune,

Misfortune, which had induced his late Catastrophe.

The King then began with enumerating his long Train of Noble Ancestors, from whom (by uninterrupted Succession) his Crown had devolved on him. That he had reigned twenty-two Years, that is, ever since he was twenty Years of Age. That having long been victorious in his Wars with many Nations, and having added a vast Extent of Dominion to his Empire, his Subjects almost adored him. That a fresh War lately breaking out between him and a neighbouring Power (he having been dangerously wounded in his last Campaign) his Subjects obliged him not to expose himself in Person in this; but to send his Army under the Conduct of a Nephew, whom he had educated, and trained up in the Exercise of Arms from his Youth, as his own Son, and to whom he had promised the next Succession of the Crown, having no Issue of his own.

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This, he said, he did, at their Request; but his Nephew having gained a compleat Victory; by Insinuations, Presents, and large Promises, had so wrought upon the Officers under him, and all the Soldiery, that casting off their Allegiance to their natural Lord, they had embraced his Offers; and upon entering the Palace at their Return, proclaimed him King, secured his Majesty's Guards, and confined his Person.

I had many Offers of Life and Liberty sent me, added he, if I would but have renounced my Throne to him, and contented myself with a peaceable Retirement to a Castle on my Frontiers; but whatever might be my private Sentiments, as to the Value of a Diadem (for I who have so long experienced it, can truly declare that a private Station is by far more esteemable) I disdained to receive a Bounty from my Nephew, a Traitor; such a one especially,

cially, as came attended with Compulsion.

My Resolution of parting from my just Inheritance, but with my Life, being known to him, he ordered instant Preparation to be made, for immuring me in this Place, which contains the Sepulchres of all my Ancestors, and in which, each new King, soon after his Installment, causes his own Monument to be erected; as this from which you have freed me was, about twenty-two Years since appropriated to my Use, tho' little did I then imagine I should have been brought alive to it.

My Subjects were inconsolable for my Misfortune; but could afford me no Relief, the City and adjacent Country being both in the Possession of the Soldiery, and they (hardhap for the good Offices I had done them) my Enemies, or at least obliged to feign themselves so.

I was

I was conducted hither by them as a dead Corpse, and left to perish with these two worthy Servants, who alone durst withstand their Menaces, and adhere to their proper Master. Thus Sir, said he, have I as succinctly as possible, laid before you a Sketch of my Sufferings; and now my base Nephew is gone forward, to hold his Coronation Solemnity, at a Place some Stages further in the Country, where we usually receive our Crowns, and hold a Festival of fourteen Days upon that Occasion; but alas! it shames me to think how mean the Ceremony will appear. They have but forty Barks, and but few above a thousand Men, all Soldiers; for had they not left a strong Guard behind, my Servants would never permit him to land again.

When I was crowned, said he, we had above five hundred Vessels, for not a Soul, but who were either too feeble
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through Youth, or decrepid through Age, would stay behind. A vast Alteration between a lawful Prince, and an Usurper!



CHAP.

C H A P. XVI.

Author offers to reinstate Bomarrah. Gives him an Account of his Dog-Birds. Relates the Engagements with the Blacks. Monstrous Projects. Sally amazed at her Husband's Talk. Resolves to risque his Life in the Enterprize. Discourse between him and Bomarrah. Gives him a Sample of his Dog-Birds Abilities. He comes into the Author's Scheme. Set forward to find the Usurper.

MY Indignation was so aloft against this new King, and his Rebel Crew, that I could scarce contain myself within Bounds of Moderation. I told the King, that from my Soul I pitied his Fate; but yet, that if he would give me Leave, I would undertake to reinstate him in his Dominion.

His

His Majesty shook his Head, but thanked me for my kind Wishes in his Favour, assuring me, that it was too late. I begged him to be of good Heart, for that if he would venture himself with me, I would engage my Life for it, that I would put all his Enemies, with their King, to Flight, by a peculiar Method that I had. I then pointing to my Dog-Birds, which were lying around us, asked him whether he had any such Creatures in his Country? He replied, that he had not; and was about enquiring into their Qualities: When I told him, that they were a new Species of Creatures to me, (as well as I observed they were to him) till my Arrival on that Island; but that I had since applied them to such Purposes, as would surpass Belief to recount; adding, that one of them would vanquish the boldest Lion, or other Creature that could be produced; for that neither Man nor Beast had hitherto, from many Experiments that I had made, been able to stand before them.

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I then opened the Scene of the Blacks to him, in two Engagements, in both which, I assured him, that by their Means I routed them. I then signified, that by the Instrument which I held in my Hand, I could lay any single Man dead upon the Spot, at such a Distance as I then pointed out to him.

During my Discourse, his Majesty and his Ministers sat very attentive, not offering a Word in Reply; whereupon I bad *Malack* ask them, whether they would stand by their King, and assist at reinstating him at *Kronomo*? (that being, as they had informed me, the Name of his Country.) I observed, that they both eyeing the King, by their Motions, seemed highly to disapprove of my Project, esteeming it both monstrous and chimerical.

I then desired Information to what Part of the Country the Soldiery were retired with their new King? They said, a great
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Way round the Coast, at least three Days Sail to the Southward. I demanded next how many Days Sail it was to *Kronomo*, and towards what Part of this Country it lay? They pointed South-Eastward, and that it was twenty Days Sail, they said. I then enquired what Sort of Weapons their Soldiery bore? They replied, Bows and Arrows in the Field; but on the present Occasion, only short Pikes.

Having gained such Information as I then judged most material, I told the King, that if he pleased, we would now go to Rest; desiring him, and his Courtiers, to reflect on what I had said, and to deliver me their Opinions in the Morning.

Poor *Sally*, who had very attentively watched each Word that had passed; when we were laid down (we sleeping at some Distance from the rest) asked me what I could mean, by offering my personal Assistance to three naked, unarmed

Men, against a thousand disciplined Troops? We shall not make them a Breakfast, says she; for should we destroy a few of them, yet their remaining Numbers must overwhelm us. Pray *Sally*, said I, look back, to our two Encounters with the Blacks; were not they, especially the last Body of them, far more numerous than these are and much better armed? Yet they were so far from overrunning us, that they overran each other to avoid us; rather submitting to perish in the Waters, than to stand the Shock of our Dog-Birds. It is true, said *Sally*, but they were only a Rabble, these veteran Troops, just flushed with Victory, and animated by the Presence of their new created Sovereign; you will surely make a just Distinction between these and them. My Dear, replied I, they fight but with Cat-Sticks, and having no missive Weapons, their Efforts against us will be entirely fruitless, be their Courage what it will: And if the King will but trust me, and by appearing in Person
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give Countenance to my Views; I have conceived such a Veneration for his Merit, and such an Impulse for his Service, that I am determined to risque my Life in his Cause; for I was bred up under a lawful Sovereign, and abominate all Rebellion. Again, said I, no Opportunity could offer more luckily, for procuring our own Discharge from this miserable Country; and can we but once set Footing on the habitable World again, I despair not of reaching *England*.

Sally, perceiving me resolute, tho' she no Ways relished my Scheme, assured me, that I should not want her Prayers for a Blessing to attend us; which, being all that she could perform, she would not be wanting in.

In the Morning, I expressed my Concern to the King, at having no Victuals to accomodate him with; but acquainted him, that, if he and his Friends would take

a Walk with us to the Plains, my Animals would use their best Endeavours for his Service. His Reply was, that I had already performed too much for him to have no further Expectations from me; and that notwithstanding I could not be said to be his Subject, (tho' his Predecessors had always claimed that Island as theirs, and to preserve their Title were all crowned and buried in it) yet from thenceforth, he would, through every Turn of his Fortune, commit the Custody of his Head to me.

I returned my Compliments to his Majesty, for the Honour intended me; but added, that unless he would concur with me in the Prosecution of the Scheme I proposed last Night, of exalting him to his proper Dignity, my new Office would be of the greatest Incommodity to me, in placing constantly before my View Virtue in Distress; for that nothing could possibly administer Joy to me, whilst I
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should be a daily Spectator of so much afflicted Merit.

The King answered, that my Proposal had not passed disregarded by him ; for that in Truth, it had engrossed both his sleeping and waking Attention ; nor could any Obstacle arise to prevent his Acceptance of it but the Reflection on that Calamity he must suffer on my Account, should I prove unsuccessful, or fall in the Attempt ; for as to the Loss of Life to himself, it was of no further Consideration, than as it might possibly be rendered beneficial to me, to whom he so justly owed it.

I begged his Majesty to suspend his Opinion of me, till a few more Days were passed ; and of my Companions, for a few Hours only ; when, if I did not demonstrate to him, that two of my Dog-Birds were a Match for an hundred Pikes,

I would forfeit my Credit with him for ever.

We had by this Time straggled above a Mile from our Lodging, and were crossing a narrow Valley, between two small Woods; when we heard a Bull grumbling towards our Right; and his Noise growing louder and louder, we judged that he was descending into the Valley. The King and his Friends, all seemed in the greatest Terror imaginable; all together demanding of me which Way we should fly with Safety. I smiling, and offering my Hand to the King, assured him, that I intended that very Creature for his Breakfast; at the same Time desiring him not to be dismayed; but only to be a Spectator of the Diversion, which I was satisfied would be very grateful to him.

His Majesty hinted his Wonder at seeing me so positive, before I had even seen the Creature, or could form any Notion

tion of its Parts and Abilities; for tho' he believed (from my Report) that myself and Birds might perform great Feats; yet he wished me to wait till I should have fully surveyed the Bulk, the Strength, the Fury of the Creature, before I condemned it for a Breakfast.

Your Majesty, said I, mistrusts my Veracity, which cannot but fill me with Concern. May I succeed but in the Subduction of your Rebel-Nephew, as I shall in this; and if I give you not a Breakfast of the Flesh of the approaching Animal, let my Head pay the Price of my Presumption.

The Creature had by this Time entered the Valley, and a vast one it was; which tho' it gave me the greater Satisfaction, yet the King exulted the more in his own Conclusions. It lowered its Head, and was making at us on a full Trot, which gave the King still further Grounds for

suspecting me a Madman; when he observed me, rather to meet than fly from it. I had before given *Malack* the Charge of all the Birds but two, with which he was retired to the Woods; then suffering the Beast to advance within thirty Paces of me (the King, and his Friends having slunk off a good Way behind me) I gave the Charge to my two Birds for the Attack.

The Bull no sooner perceived them spring from behind me, than he turned Tail; and while they were in Pursuit, I called to the King, and the rest to come forward; but before they could reach me, the Birds were peached on the Creatures Back, when slackening his Pace, and bellowing most hideously, he soon dropped.

The King, who little suspected so speedy a Conclusion of the Race between these Creatures, held up his Hands as in Amaze; then clasping me in his Arms, "Forgive,"
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“ cried he, a faithless Man, whose Dis-
 “ belief, I must confess hath injured you.
 “ I am convinced ; nor will I evermore
 “ oppose my Judgment against your Af-
 “ firmation.”

I called up *Malack*, and having prepared the Beast for the Fire, we broiled such Part as we thought proper for present spending, made a Reserve of what we should further want, and then feasted our Birds on the Remainder. This was all performed, before even the King and his Companions could well give Credit to their own Senses, that it was a Reality ; for they all protested, that nothing but ocular Demonstration could have given them the Satisfaction they had then received ; they not being any Ways able to have comprehended either the Vigour, or Activity of the Birds, from Imagination only ; but they soon admitted, that, if these Creatures would in the same Manner fasten upon Mankind, nothing could be able to

withstand them; this I assured them they would do, and also desist from their Impetuosity, barely for a Word speaking.

His Majesty and his Courtiers began now to have so good an Opinion of my Proposal for his Reinthronization, that I no sooner mentioned it again, than they all engaged to follow, wherever I should lead them, and to act entirely at my Discretion; being assured, they said, that I would not engage in any Thing that I could not perform; then giving me the best Information they could of the Place where the Coronation Ceremony was usually performed, we set forward that very Day on our Expedition, being well convinced in my own Mind, that, if it was not more than two or three of their Days Voyage by Sea, it must be a much nearer Cut by Land, could we but hit upon the readiest Way.

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The fourth Day in the Morning, we discovered the Shipping, from an Eminence we were then crossing, from whence we concluded, that the Company were not far off; which proved very true; for we soon descried the Outskirts of them, below the Hill we were then upon, making merry in very careless Order; whereupon we made an Halt to survey our Ground, and by what Means we might approach nearest to them unobserved, till ourselves should first make the Discovery.



C H A P. XVII.

The Situation of the Usurper's Army. Author gives his Orders. Bomarrah would have a Gun; but refused. Author's Fear's for Sally. Shoots the Usurper. Dog-Birds win the Field. Bomarrah's Raptures on the Occasion. Some Prisoners taken. Sent to reclaim their Comrades, and bring Almanor. His Prostration to the King. Bomarrah's Speech. His Orders to the Troops. They all descend, and are pardoned. Recals Sally. Bomarrah recrowned. The Author embarks with the King for Kronomo.

THE Side of the Hill under which they lay was very steep, and almost inaccessible in the middle Parts; but sunk considerably at each Extremity. It was formed like a half Moon, with the Horns extending towards the Ocean, and within this Sort of Amphitheatre, were they all
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collected, very near to the Hill; but much nearer to that End of it, which we purposed to descend by, than the other. I then charged all the three Guns; for tho' I had but two or three Bullets left, I had Sufficiency of Powder for several Shots; and to supply the Place of Bullets, I had, at Times, formed several cylindrical Pieces of stiff Clay, which, when baked hard in the Sun, tho' they were somewhat deficient in Weight, would do almost as much Execution as the Balls themselves, and with these I charged two of the Guns.

I then demanded what Force was usually left on Board the Ships on these Occasions for their Security? And was answered, very inconsiderable; and sometimes, not a Man on Board many of them; for they were under no Apprehension of Storms in those Seas, for some Months yet. I told them, that my Design being to intercept their Flight to the Shipping, I would descend the Hill, on that End
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which lay between them and it, that not a Soul of them might escape, till they had recognized *Bomarrab* for their Sovereign. Then, taking a Survey of my Guns to see that all was right there, I delivered two of them to *Malack*, with Orders for his Behaviour in all Respects, and placing the third on my own Shoulder, I gave the Word to march.

I told the King and Courtiers, that as they had no Weapons, I should not expect them to engage; but all that I desired of them was, that they would shew themselves to be alive; which the King and they promising to do, and further to be guided in all Things by my Direction, we proceeded down the Hill. The King then arguing, that it ill beseemed him to be destitute of a Weapon, desiring me to favour him with one of those which *Malack* carried. I asked him, what Use he intended to put it to? He replied, to knock down the first Man that approached him.

him. I begged Pardon for declining to gratifying him; but replied, that he not yet understanding the Use of it, should he employ it in the Exercise he mentioned, that would for ever after render it ineffectual for my future Purposes; and that, when once he should have been Witness to my Management of it, he would perceive the Meaning of my Refusal.

We had now arrived at my projected Spot for the Engagement, (having left *Sally* behind us a considerable Distance off among the Bushes) when taking the Advantage of some Shrubs, for advancing as near as possible, before we exposed ourselves to their Notice; I demanded, whether either of them could point out the new King to me? The Branches which surrounded us grew so thick of Leaves, that it was with no small Difficulty they could discover Faces; till after some Observation, his Majesty singled him out to me,

me, with a Golden Circle. or small Coronet about his Head.

My Heart bled for poor *Sally*, who sat alone, anxious, and trembling for our Fate; but as I was just about to enter upon a Scene of Action, which would otherwise afford sufficient Matter for the Employment of my Cogitations, I had only Leisure to cast back a single Reflection on her.

Fearing lest my Companions should imbibe as much Terror from the Burst of my Gun, as the Enemy would, I just apprized them, that they would immediately hear a violent Noise, which they must not be surprized at; but place their Eye upon the new King, whom I would promise his Majesty, should never offend him more, after he had heard me thunder; but that as to themselves I told them it would prove of a quite contrary Effect. Stepping to the Skirt of the Brakes, which had hitherto

therto sheltered us, and levelling my Piece at his new created Majesty, I gave Fire, and saw him drop in the Midst of his People, which put them all into the utmost Consternation; then delivering my Gun to *Malack*, and receiving another from him, I exposed myself to their View, charging *Malack* to keep close to my Heels with the third Gun. I then called to the King to come forward and (a-breast with him) was advancing to the main Body. They made a Stand, and were collecting into Order for Resistance; when casting off my Dog-Birds amongst them, they seizing each his Man, the Cries, and bitter Howlings of these poor Sufferers threw the rest into such a Confusion and Panick Dread, that happiest was the Man who could leave the Birds, and their dying Companions farthest behind them.

The King having been Witness to the Fate of his Nephew, and now to the Flight of his Army, ran to me: “Thou more
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“ than Man, says he, shall I believe my
“ Eyes, that this has been done by thee
“ alone?” I was then under too much
Anxiety to receive his Compliments, so
begged him to stand composed a while,
and he should see an happy Issue to his
Affairs; for that we must follow the Con-
sternation before it cooled again; after
which I would talk to him as much as he
pleased; then rating off the Dog-Birds
from the poor Men, I observed one or two
of them to be yet alive, and just able to
walk.

These I brought before the King, charg-
ing them with their Perfidy, and finding
by their Confessions, and Sorrow, that they
were compelled to act the Part they had
appeared in; I took their Oath of Fide-
lity to his Majesty, which one of his Cour-
tiers administered to them and begged
him to pardon them, which he granted,
upon their due Submission.

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I then led them to the Corpse of their late elected King, to satisfy them that he was no more ; and espying the main Body of them collected upon the other Horn of the Hill, to observe our Motions ; I demanded of his Majesty, whether amongst all the Officers of Note in that Corpse, he had no one, whom he still had Reason to believe was at Heart his Friend ? He replied, that he believed they were mostly so ; the Superiors only having been seduced, and the rest obliged to adhere to them, from a Dread of the Consequences of their Dissention. He then naming one, for whom he had had a more peculiar Regard, and who till this Defection had ever behaved with the most becoming Duty, and Affection to him ; I ordered these two Fellows to go to their Comrades, and not only publish the Death of their King ; but that *Bomarrab*, their natural Lord, was on the Plain, ready with open Arms to receive them ; and upon their due Submission to grant them an Oblivion for their
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past Offences, and on the Honour of a King to pass by their Error, and receive them under his Protection; but withal to signify to them, that their obstinate Refusal of this offered Grace would be attended with the Destruction of every Man of them, by the same Means as themselves, and their new King had suffered; giving them particularly in Charge, to inform *Almanor*, that the King required him (by Name) to attend him immediately.

Having dispatched this Embassy, we waited on the Plain for their Return; when (as we heard afterwards) the Report of *Bomarrab's* Life ran like Lightening through the whole Corpse, and the Death of the new King being received with equal Certainty, they instantly drew themselves into Cabals, to consult on their future Behaviour, on this so critical a Juncture; but the Messengers having positive Orders only for *Almanor*, he alone returned to the King.

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No sooner was *Almanor* within due Distance of his Majesty, than he fell on his Face before him, stretched out his Neck, in Token of his Submission, and observing that the King had no Weapon with him, he drew his own (a Sort of Sabre) and sent it to him by one of the wounded Men, begging him to make the proper Use of it; but his Majesty, greatly moved with this severe Token of his Repentance, raising him by the Hand, kindly saluted him. “O *Almanor*, said he, had “it been told me, that my Right-hand “would have raised itself against my Head, I might have credited it, as what was barely possible; but nothing, save positive Proof, could have ministred even a Jealousy of *Almanor*’s Fidelity.” *Almanor*, with Tears in his Eyes, intreated his Majesty to accept his forfeit Life, which from thenceforth could but be extended in Misery; insisting, that the King should strike; but the gracious *Bomarrab* returned him his Weapon, with this Compliment:

pliment: “ I am satisfied *Almanor*, that,
“ since you have, all Mankind may err;
“ bear this, for the Time to come, in
“ Defence of that Life, which this, the
“ Keeper of my Head (pointing to me)
“ hath preserved to me. You have had
“ your Failing, and I am persuaded, will
“ be seduced no more. Remember you
“ now take Place in my Heart as usual;
“ then deserve it.”

Almanor was so much cast down for his Offence against so gracious a Master, that he wanted Words to express himself by; but having taken his own Oath to the King, he begged his Majesty's Pleasure, whether he would pardon the whole Army on their Submission; for he said, that tho' the Defection had (through the Interest and Intrigue of a very few designing Men) become so general; yet he could vouch for the Hearts of ninety-nine in each Hundred of the whole Army, that they were entirely with his Majesty; and that,
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with his Leave, he would lead them all down, to receive his Clemency. The King signifying it as his Desire, that it should be so, he returned to the Hill, having first received the Courtiers Request for bringing the Keys of their Chains with him.

An Hour had not passed since *Almanor's* Departure, before the whole Soldiery were in Motion to the Plain, when I dispatched one of the wounded Men to *Almanor*, with Orders for them, to pass Man by Man before his Majesty; at whose Feet, each was to drop, and leave his Pike. This Method being exactly pursued, each Man as he passed prostrated himself, and swore Allegiance; the King speaking mildly to several of them, but especially to the Leaders and Officers.

The Review was scarce well over, when I ordered *Almanor* to draw his Men into a Circle, where they stood with the utmost Dejection in their Countenances; for being

ing now wholly unarmed, not only their past Fault, but the Thoughts of succeeding Punishment, kept their Spirits in violent Agitation. When his Majesty with his Ministers, entered it, they, by his Command, proclaimed an universal Indemnity to them all: The Words were but just pronounced, when there succeeded such a general Shout as shook the surrounding Hill: But when he had ordered every Man to resume his Arms again, and had established each Individual in the Place and Preferment, that they held before their Crime, the whole Shore rang with their Clamour of long live *Bomarrab*; then each Officer having had Leave to kiss his Majesty's Robe, it was by all agreed, that the Joy, occasioned by the Reconciliation, far exceeded that at the Coronation of the late King, and was far more hearty and sincere.

This Work had so engaged my Attention, till I had brought it to Perfection,
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that I had not so much as once reflected on poor *Sally*, in her Retirement; but now I sent *Malack* to introduce her, and to give her some Account of our Proceedings. She complimented the King upon his Re-assumption of the Royal Function, and was saluted by him, and caused to sit on his Right-hand. I then asked her, in what Manner she had employed her Time in our Absence, and whether she had not ventured to gain a Prospect of our Proceedings. To my first Question, she replied, that having once assured me, that her whole Time was occupied in imploring Success on our Undertaking; she believed she need not trouble me with any Reply to my second; but she added, that our so long Stay had exercised both the Passions of Hope and Fear in her, to great Excess; the former, for that we might possibly be in Pursuit of a flying Enemy; and the latter, lest Death or Captivity, should have detained us; but when she heard the Shouts of such

numberless Voices, as could no Ways proceed from our diminutive Forces, her Heart at once sinking within her, such a Distraction of her Faculties ensued, as had almost bereaved her of Life and Motion ; for from what less could it be formed, as she imagined, than the united Voices of our Enemies at our Overthrow.

We now prepared for carrying on the Festival upon a more glorious Footing, than their Provision had been made for ; and after the Repast, I proposed to the Company, that, as his Majesty had been forced from his Kingdom, and not only another King acknowledged but crowned too, it would in my Opinion, be but taking a necessary Step to prevent Scruples at his Return to *Kronomo*, that he should accept the Crown a-fresh from the Hands of the Army then present.

This, upon due Consideration, received both his Majesty's, and all the Assemblies Assent ;

Affent; being acknowledged by them all, to be most expedient: So that Preparations were instantly put in Hand, for Performance of the Ceremony the next Day; when surely, never was more Ardour expressed from the General, to the meanest Centinel, in testifying their Gratulations.

Having now spent the Remainder of the Time allotted for the Festival, to the mutual Satisfaction of every Party, we drew up for our March to the Ships, where I desired his Majesty's Leave for myself, and little Family to depart. He started at the Proposition. What! Said he, will you not accompany me to *Kronomo*? I assured him that my Heart would ever be there; but that he was pleased to confer Marks of Distinction upon me, so far beyond what a crowned Head ought to bestow upon the best Deservings of a Subject, that, I feared, it would not only cause my placing an higher Value upon myself than I ought, but give his Cour-

tiers Occasion to envy me, and perhaps by their Combinations against me, at last, draw his own Displeasure upon me, than which, I was unable to conceive any State more miserable.

“ Thou worthy Man, replied his Majesty, can thy Penetration reach so far
“ already? No, added he, I know what
“ it is to lose a Crown, but will never
“ know the Loss of thee, till Death parts
“ us; and tho’ I will make Use of no
“ Compulsion with you, yet I solemnly
“ declare, that you shall either attend me
“ to *Kronomo*, or I myself will remain
“ here with you; where tho’ I should be
“ possessed but of a single Subject, I
“ shall be sure in you, of finding a faithful one.

I told his Majesty, that his Will should ever be a Law to me, and that if ever I should deviate from it, nothing but my Duty to him, and my Concern for his
Welfare,

Welfare, should occasion it; and that if he commanded my Attendance, I submitted: But by his Permission, would embark my whole Family with me. By all Means, he replied, and pray let the Dog-Birds be of the Number; for, tho' they are Masters of the Beasts of this Island, I durst affirm, that my Country abounds with Creatures, which they will be afraid to venture upon.

Before we arrived at the Shore, I dispatched away six of the Officers, to inform the Fleet of his Majesty's Restoration; and to command them to attend him on the Strand, to make their Submission, and accept his Pardon.

This News, surprizing as it was to them, who had no other Conception but of his Majesty's Death, was nevertheless, joyfully received by them all; and so eager were they in their Expressions of Zeal for the King, that they even met

us at some Distance from their Vessels, not leaving a Soul behind them; when his Majesty having received them with his usual Benevolence, taken their Fealty, and pardoned them, they returned shouting to their Ships, to prepare for our Reception on Board.



C H A P. XVIII.

Send Messengers to prepare the Army for the King's Reception. Dread their Officers, but tacitly approve the King. The Author slays the Chiefs of the Faction. The Army recognize their King. Bommarrah debarks. Grand Parade to the Palace. Excess of Joy. His Mother set at Liberty. Great Compliments paid the Author. Largess for the Populace. The Author's Advice for Lenity, with his Reasons.

WE hoisted Sail with a fair Wind, and in our Passage, I advised the King to dispatch away one of the lightest Vessels, and best Sailors, with some trusty Officers on Board, to make Report of his Restoration: First, to such of his Friends as he could best confide in; then to the Army; and lastly, to the Populace; with Orders to publish an Indemnity to such as

should return to Duty ; to stay for a Day or two on Land, and then to re-embark for the Fleet ; during which Time, we would lay out of Sight of Shore, waiting for them.

At their Return, they brought the agreeable News, that the Noblesse declared to a Man their Satisfaction for the King's Safety : That the Populace immediately began their Testimonials of Joy on the Advice ; but that the Soldiery were too sullen to shew forth any Tokens, either of their Approbation or Dislike, save that some of the Officers privately hinted, that they durst not declare an Inclination contrary to their Leaders, till they could see his Majesty safe landed to head them, when there were Few who would refuse returning to their natural Allegiance ; but added, that a publick Declaration of such Sentiments, as Matters then stood, would but subject themselves to Death, without any Benefit to the King.

Our

Our Embassy having so well answered the intended Purpose, which was only to sound the above three Orders of Men, tho' our Messengers had well nigh involved themselves in absolute Ruin by it; we proceeded to a small Distance from the Shore, which on our Approach, we found lined with Soldiers. This put an immediate Stop to our Landing, till we were ascertained whether they appeared in an hostile Manner, or as Friends to welcome our Return.

We sent *Almanor*, and some other Officers, within a small Distance of the Shore, to discover the Sentiments of their Brethren, who, upon Converse had with the Heads of the Faction, especially two superior Officers (both undeservedly advanced to the Rank of Generals by the King's Nephew in the late War) found them wholly intractable; but gained private Information from some Signs of the

inferior Class of Officers, that not a Man, but would, if he durst, willingly have declared for the King; and the same Vein ran, in general, through the common Men: But their Commanders having pronounced it Death, for any Man under their Command, to express themselves favourably of the King, they would say nothing to it.

I considered, that it might be a Work of Danger, too implicitly to confide in these Men, who are the most submissively attached to their Leaders, be they who they will, of any People in the Universe; for which Reason, I judged it very improper to trust the King's Person on Shore, without better Assurances. I therefore desired Leave to change my Ship; for I was till then in the same with the King, and taking *Malack* and my Guns with me, I ordered the Commander to steer to the Shore.

My

My Ship advancing before the rest, drew the Soldiery to that Part I seemed to have an Inclination to land at; and so soon as we arrived within Hearing, I ordered the Commander to call out for *Vesek* and *Weem*, the two Generals, for that I wanted to hold a Parley with them. We waited till they came; then demanding by what Authority they had gathered the Soldiery on the Shore, to oppose the Landing of their lawful Lord. They answered, that they acknowledged no Lord but *Urrhim*, the late Usurper. We replied, that he was dead, and that the Army had recognized his Uncle *Bomarrab*. They returned, that no King whatever should set Foot on that Shore but *Urrhim* (if alive) or such other as themselves should appoint; that as for *Bomarrab* he was their Enemy, and they would use him as such, if he dared to land there; then, by Way of Confirmation of their Sentiments, they at the same Instant, discharged such a Flight of Arrows at us, as darkened the Air; but
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they being pointed too high, did no Execution ; (themselves standing in no Fear of a Return, presuming, that our only Weapon was an half Pike, save my Guns which they were not apprized of) but whilst they were preparing for another Discharge at us, I fired at *Weem*, and before the Smoke was dissipated, snatching another Gun from *Malack*, I by the Discharge of that, laid *Vesek* on the Sands, by the Side of his Brother-General.

Then ordering the Commander to push nearer to the Shore, I asked who was a Friend to *Bomarrab*? When an Officer at a Distance answering, I am. I (by my Interpreter) bad him descend ; for that his Majesty would distinguish, between those who first returned to his Obedience, and such as persisted in Defiance of his Authority.

Upon this Speech, the Officer answering my Summons, his Men all followed him ;
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which the rest observing, and that they were well received by us, they one by one descended, with their Companies at their Heels, till all had recognized *Bomarrab*.

The King was still at too great a Distance to distinguish what was transacted; he saw, indeed, and heard the Guns fired; but was not apprized of the Consequence. He observed me to debark, and the whole Army to collect round me; he also heard their Shouts; but whether they betokened Good or Evil to him, he was still ignorant, and under dismal Apprehensions of my Safety.

Having reduced the Soldiery to Temper, I would not re-embark; but sent a Messenger for the King to come on Shore. I caressed the Officers, and signified to them the Pleasure their King would receive at their Return to their Duty; assuring them, that this their seasonable Regard to him should not pass unrewarded.

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The King being about to debark, I desired the Officers to cause their Men to lay down their Arms, and meet their King; they did so, welcoming him on Shore, with loud Demonstrations of Affection; in Return for which, his Majesty stood still amongst them, till his Indemnity was proclaimed, which he having also confirmed by Word of Mouth, ordered them to resume their Arms, and attend him to the Palace.

We tarried till all were debarked, when both Companies uniting, made but one Guard for their Sovereign; the Populace expressing their Satisfaction at the Event, as his Majesty passed by them on Foot; and the Nobility, in a Body met him, and congratulated his Return; which ended, they preceded him to his Palace; nor was there a Voice, or musical Instrument of any Kind whatever, but bore some Share in the Rejoicings of that Day; so that

that we moved in one continual Clangor all the Way.

His Majesty's Mother, and two Sisters, (for he had neither Wife or Child) who had been under Restraint ever since his Misfortune, were immediately set at Liberty, and paid their Congratulations to him, at a private Audience, whereat only myself, and his two banished Friends were admitted. His Mother, the finest old Lady that ever I beheld, falling on her Knees, and embracing his, as he was sitting after his Walk. "O, my Dear Son, said she, by what Turn of Providence have you escaped that miserable Death you was consigned to? What! Am I now in Possession of my only Son, and he of his Kingdom? And this so suddenly, that sure some Angel hath conducted you to my Arms. Declare it to me, my Dear Child, that I may pay it all proper Reverence."

His

His Majesty then pointing to me:
“ There Mother, said he, there stands my
“ Guardian-Angel, and Conductor; to
“ him, and him alone it is, that I stand
“ indebted for my Life, my Crown, my
“ present Felicity; nor have I any Thing
“ so much to condemn myself for, as my
“ Incredulity: For I must confess, that
“ when I had received that, and he
“ had made me an Offer of these, I
“ esteemed him for a Madman, rather
“ than one in his right Senses, and slight-
“ ed his Concern for me, till the Event
“ demonstrated his nice Judgment to be
“ too discerning to admit of a Mistake.”

The Queen Mother flew to me upon
this Report, clasped her Arms about my
Neck, and almost smothered me with her
Caresses, till recollecting herself: “ Son,
“ said she, and you, Dear Sir, excuse the
“ Fondness of an indulgent Parent, the
“ Transports of whose Passion, on Reco-
“ very of a dead Son, to Life and Ho-
“ nours

"nours again, must have Vent; for
 "dead indeed he was to me till this In-
 "stant; nor could I give the least Credit
 "to those, who bringing me the Tidings
 "of his Survival, released me, till my
 "own Eyes had beheld thee, my Dear
 "Son." Then she fell again upon his
 Neck, weeping for Joy to great Excess.

The Hurly Burly about the Palace was
 so great, of every Rank and Order of
 Men, intermixed with the Soldiery, that
 I begged Leave (with the Freedom that
 his Majesty had invested me) to offer a
 Word to his Ear. He ordered me to say
 on: "Great Sir, said I, as no Occasion
 "can possibly create more Joy to all your
 "Family within Doors than the present;
 "I must beg to remind you of the ex-
 "traordinary Number of Souls without,
 "who are all expressing their Satisfaction,
 "at the Transactions of this Day, so
 "much to your Glory; and to intercede
 "for some Largess, and Entertainment
 "for

“ for them, that they may return no less
“ glad some at Heart to their own Dwell-
“ ings, than they have hitherto attended
“ your Majesty to yours.”

It is highly requisite, replied the King. This still shews me, Mother, added he, how happy that Monarch ought to esteem himself, whose choicest Friends prefer his Glory to their own Interest; but alas! Where is that to be found, but in this one Man? O joyful Day, that ever my Misfortunes (as I wrongfully thought them) conducted me to the Knowledge of him!

His Majesty then ordering the proper Officer to attend, commanded sixty fat Kine, and five hundred fat Sheep, to be delivered out of his Pastures to the Soldiery, and Populace, with the Proportion of every other Thing, that would be necessary for their Festivity; ordering also as magnificent an Entertainment in his Palace, as the Time would admit, for his Noble

Nobles and Captains. He commanded also, that all Prison-Doors should be opened, and a general Release of all Debts and Crimes, from the Beginning of the Monarchy to that Day, to be proclaimed.

The ample Provision which had been made for the Commonality, by Degrees, drew the remoter Inhabitants from all Quarters, to which the Report of the Festival had reached; so that *Kronomo*, was never so full of People since its Foundation, as at that Time; for the Rejoicings lasted, both within the Palace, and without, for full ten Days: And this Intermixture of People of all Inclinations, in Commemoration of this joyful Event, more established his Majesty in his Subject's Affections, than ten Times the Expence, bestowed on any other Method that could have been conceived.

When Matters grew more composed again, there were not wanting some about the

the Court, who were for Enquiries into particular Misdemeanors; as there were possibly some, tho' very few in the Army, whose Hearts kept not equal Pace with their Professions; nor could it be otherwise expected amongst Numbers; but as the King would now transact no Affair without my Opinion, I prevailed for suffering Things to take their natural Course, and to subside of themselves; for I urged, that to shew Distrust was the only Way to create Jealousies; whereas seeming Confidence would necessarily excite Regard, especially in generous Minds; and that where Numbers had been tainted with the like Defection, tho' not equally, yet the Punishment of one, would raise such Suspensions in the Breast of each Participater, as might occasion Plots against his Crown, meerly for the Safety of the Individuals, not knowing whose Turn it might next be to suffer.

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The King approving of my Arguments, no one Person was ever called to an Account for the late Revolution; nor was a Finger ever raised, or did a Tongue ever wag against him for his whole Lifetime.



C H A P. XIV.

Sally and the Dog-Birds land. Great Staring at them. Account of the Author's House and Family. A grand Hunting-Match. Dogs compared, and tried with the Dog-Birds. Found deficient. Surprising Actions of the Dog-Birds. Return to Kronomo.

NOT being fully able at our first Landing to judge what Spirit might prevail amongst the People, or what Disturbances might happen; I thought it most adviseable to leave my Wife, and the Dog-Birds on Board, till all Things should have fallen into their natural Channels, and not to bring them into such a confused World, as at our Landing seemed to surround us; and as I imagined them to be in a Place of Safety, where they were, I made not the least Enquiry after them, till the Festival was over, when I
desired

desired his Majesty to assign me some little Habitation, that I might bring my Family Home to. This he did, by bestowing on me his late Nephew's House, with his Goods and Grounds, Cattle, and Implements, which was situate within the Palace-Walls, they being upwards of five Miles in Circuit. I then brought Home my Wife, and my Dog-Birds, nor was there less Staring at them in their Parade, than there had been at his Majesty on his Entry; for no one but those who had been at my Island, had ever seen such Creatures as the Birds before; nor were they, the proper Inhabitants of more than one Side of the Country which they came from.

Sally and I blessed ourselves, under the Cover of a warm Roof again, with every Convenience of Life about us; but *Malack* alone (tho' he was never easy but under some Employment) was not now capable of executing the Business of our
Family

Family; so that we purchased three more Servants, two Maids and a Man; when still our Gardening, and Cattle, requiring more Attendance, we added two more Men; and the King being exceeding liberal to us, leaving no Room to require a larger Support than he from Time to Time supplied us with; we, from one Addition to another, had at last advanced the Number of our Servitors to eleven (exclusive of *Malack*) one whereof, was in constant Employment for the Dog-Birds; the King insisting, that I increased their Breed, as fast as possible, for supplying him with a Stock of them.

About three Months after our Arrival, the Weather growing more moderate, than it had been in some of the former Months, the King proposed an Hunting-Match, he having several very fine Dogs, of different Kinds, which he purposed to run against my Birds. I told him, that I feared he would repent it, should he put it to the
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Experiment ; for should a Bird, instead of the designed Beast, fix on one of his Dogs, he would scarce escape with Life.

He made a Pish at my Suspicion, being of Opinion, that many of his Dogs would prove an Over-match for my Birds, if once pinched, and rouzed to Fury. I was sensible that the King set a vast Value upon his Dogs, which made me the backwarder from coming to any Engagement with them ; but it being his Pleasure, that a single Bird and Dog, should be turned off, at some strong Beast in his Presence, I would not oppose it ; so we set forward to the Deserts, and less frequented Parts of the Country, in Order to encounter some of the terrible Creatures, he had promised me we should there meet withal.

At the End of eleven Days Journey ; for we had a vast Train attending us, with several of the King's Dogs, and all my

Dog-Birds, (tho' we purposed the first Course should be between one Dog, and Bird only) we saw a very large Elephant, stalking gravely cross a large desert Plain. Now, says the King, let them start fair at that Beast. We slipped (to our thinking) alike, but the Dog having some how got the Start of my Bird, kept it a few Strokes; till my Bird springing forward, I perceived by his pointing at the Dog, that he would seize on him. Your Majesty, said I, I hope will excuse my poor Bird; but I'll answer for it, you never more will behold your Dog alive. Stay *Binfée*, said the King (for both himself and all the Court called me so) let the Bird come up with him first.

The King had scarce spoken the Words, before the Bird was on the Dog's Back, upon which the Creature making a most lamentable Howl, and stopping to ease himself, dropped instantly; and tho' we made all the Speed we could up to them,

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we could not arrive, before the Bird had torn the Dog's Shoulder off, and had devoured great Part of it.

I watched the King's Countenance, upon the Disappointment, to observe how he would take it : When he commending the Bird, and seeming no Ways concerned for his Dog, I told him, that now he should behold my Bird destroy the Elephant by himself, in the same Manner ; then giving him the Word, he soon got Sight of it, and was on his Back as quick as Thought, at Work both Tooth and Nail.

The prodigious Creature roared, casting about his Trunk from Side to Side, to no Manner of Purpose, the Bird being seated out of his Reach. The Beast made to some Trees, at a considerable Distance, imagining (as we supposed) to brush off the Bird against them ; but before he could attain them, was brought to the Ground,

while the King and his Train applauding the Action, stood in Amazement at it.

The Bird had so gorged himself before we came in, that he become too unactive for further Exercise, for that Day; so that we coupled him, and loosed another, which we soon after let go at a wild Horse. Here the King sent out a Dog first; but two or three Jerks from the Creature's Heels, having sorely bruised him, one Stamp from its Forefeet broke his Back, and killed him. I then gave a Loose to my Bird, which had very near suffered the poor Dog's Fate, as he was taking his Spring to the Creature's Back; but by good Fortune avoiding it, he attempted the Horse no more behind, but over-running him, and turning about, gave a violent Spring upon his Head, where with one Gripe of his Tallons in the Pole, he destroyed him.

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After these Experiments, the King gave up the Cause, acknowledging it to be his Belief, that there was no Creature so fierce, and such a Master of his Business, as the Dog-Bird: But as we were seeking out a Place for pitching our Tents, a few Days after, a more dangerous Creature (in all our Opinions) presented from a Cover near at Hand, than any we had before seen; and indeed, my Doubts arose very strongly, whether my Birds would attempt it or not.

This Creature was of the Serpent-Kind, but at least six Yards long, with a Body bigger than my Middle. It was the most hideous Beast that I ever beheld, having a Dark-grey Back, and Yellow-spotted Belly; but its Eyes were so piercing, that there was no encountering them for any Time. It moving not towards us, but rather cross our Way, we did not fly it; but turning about its Head, which it carried erect, at least a Foot and a Half from

the Ground, it wagged its Tongue, and now and then gaping its wide Mouth, disclosed such a Set of Teeth as would make one tremble.

The King asked me, what I thought of it? I replied, that, in my Opinion, it was one of the most horrid Creatures in the Creation; and what think you, said he, of losing a Bird with it? I asked him, whether he would venture a Dog with it? Which he answered in the Negative, assuring me, that a Lion would turn Tail to a far less than that, which was the largest we had ever seen. Then, with your Majesty's Leave, said I, that Bird shall try its Luck with it: Be it so, said the King; but you must leave him here, he'll never return alive, nor can I believe he durst attack him.

We gave the Serpent fair Law, that the Bird might have a Run before he came up with him; then cheering him forward,
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the Serpent turned to front him; but before we could well perceive what Part the Bird aimed at, he had clasped his Tallons about the Creatures Throat, and in two Minutes had torn his Head to Pieces; and when we came up to him was feeding heartily on the Neck and Body.

This Engagement both delighted and surprized the King, and all the Company; and made the King still more anxious for a Breed of them; for he thought it astonishing, that a Creature so savage, and ravenous in Nature, should yet submit to the least Call or Check of Man.

We had continued this Chace about six Weeks, in which Time we had killed innumerable Creatures by the Dogs, besides what the Birds had destroyed, some edible, others not; and having all Manner of Conveniencies with us, we passed the Time most agreeably: But I must not omit one other Exploit of my Birds, in

our Return; for having taken a Sort of round Tour, within a few Days March of *Kronomo*, by the Side of a large Stream, we espied a Crocodile asleep. I told his Majesty, that I would now make one more Experiment, and if that failed not, I should from thenceforth, pronounce my Birds unconquerable; but not chusing that the Bird should seize the Beast off his Guard, we by Stones, and other Things, which we cast at it, set it upon the Run to the River. I then let go my Bird, who immediately took his Stand upon the Back, as usual; but not being able either with Tooth or Nail, to penetrate there, the Uneasiness he expressed at his Disappointment was amazing. He ran the Creature over from Head to Tail, backwards and forwards, till at last, fixing his Tallons on each of the Fore-Legs of the Crocodile, with his Tail towards its Head, he tore away, just behind the Elbow, (for we were near Spectators of this all the while) till before the Beast could reach the
Water,

Water, he had drawn Part of his Liver through the Wound, and killed him.

In about four Days after, we reached *Kronomo*, where little was discoursed of for some Time, but the Accomplishments of my Birds; and had each Hen, of which Sort I had nine, laid, and hatched an hundred Eggs in a Year, I could have disposed of them; nor were they less plenty in a few Years in *Kronomo*, than Dogs are in *England*.



CHAP. XX.

Bomarrah would not let the Author leave him. Bomarrah's Illness. Assemble to chuse a Successor. Bomarrah recommends the Author for his Successor. The Nobles inflamed. The King calls a Convention. Puts it to the Vote. Divided; but Majority against him. The Author ill, and knew nothing of their Proceedings. Denied Admittance to the King. Bomarrah's Death.

BOMARRAH (whose Generosity to me was scarce to be equalled by any other Prince upon the Globe) daily studied more and more to load me with his Favours; whilst I lived in more Dread of them, than the vilest Malefactor would of his Wrath; for I was not so ignorant, as not to discover a different Behaviour to me in his Ministers, from what they had expressed at my first Arrival; so that after

ter I had been about five Years amongst them, I employed every Argument with the King, either to permit me to depart, in Search of my own Country by Shipping (for I had no Doubt but by coasting the Country, or by some Shipping we should fall in with by the Way, I should discover in what Part of the World I was, and by that Means concert my Measures for attaining *Old England* again) or else, that he would suffer me to retire far from his Court, to some private Retreat, that I might not be exposed to the Envy of his Ministers: But I never could draw more from him, than this, Did I want any Thing? If so, I might command it. Was not all the Regard he had expressed to me capable of fixing me with him? If I would desert him, it should be without his Consent, which he imagined, I had an Heart too refined to submit to. These, and such like broken Replies, were all that I could ever obtain to my Requests.

About

About my seventh Year, *Bomarrab* was seized with a desperate Fit of Illness, and having no Male-relation to succeed him in his Government, the Nobles held a Meeting to consult what was to be done, in Case of the King's Death, and to intreat him to nominate a Successor. They deputed some of their Body to attend him, for his Pleasure therein; when he told them that it was his Opinion, that in Case they chose to continue an happy People, they must make me their King, which, if they would consent to, he was ready to confirm their Choice, by any Regal Act that they should advise, while he was yet living.

I having been ill of a Cold, and Pain in my Head for some Days, this Affair was wholly transacted without my Knowledge, or I should entirely have dissuaded the King from any such Design, as the most prejudicial Thing that he could have attempted for my Interest. However,
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upon the Deputies Return, they reported the King's Inclination to the Rest of their Members, which raised such a Flame amongst their Body, that some of them proceeded so far as to give it for their Opinions, I was a Sorcerer, and had bewitched the King thereby, not only to heap more than justifiable Favours upon me in his Life-time, but also to confer on me the Inheritance of his Crown at his Decease. Nay, so inveterate were they grown against me, that they scrupled not to affirm, that the King's Disorder was wholly owing to my Practices upon him, in order to pave my own Way to the Diadem.

These Hints and Surmises, tho' kept wholly secret from me, were not only buzzed about the City, but had found their Way into the Court too, till at length they reached his Majesty's Ears. Nothing in the World could have given him greater Concern than these Rumours, which he
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was certain were as malicious, as groundless; nay, they stuck so close to his Heart, that tho' he was unable to rise from his Bed, he summoned a Convocation of his States in his own Chamber, where, as well as he was able, he opened the Tenor of these Reports to them, as having come to his Ears; at the same Time, upon the Word of a Prince, declaring my Innocence.

He assured them, that the happy Tranquility which his State had enjoyed, ever since his Restoration, had been wholly owing to my Advice; for that I had counselled him to Measures of Lenity, nor had I ever since I had been in his Country, once moved my Tongue against a single Member of the Community, but in Benevolence and Amity; notwithstanding the repeated Occasions that had been offered me for a contrary Purpose.

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His Majesty added further, that surely no Friend to his Throne, and to the Nation's Welfare, would, after his Royal Word had passed upon my Conduct, prefer the least Insinuation to my Prejudice; and that, if notwithstanding any should do so, they could no longer expect his Protection.

He desired that they would give their Opinions, whom they would approve for his Successor; for that nothing would more disturb his last Moments, than to suspect, that he should leave his good Subjects liable to the Calamity of a Civil War, the necessary Concomitant of various Competitors; and that, if they could but agree upon any one, more capable of sustaining its Dignity, with Honour, and Reputation, than myself, he would accord to their Choice, and confirm it.

Here, his Majesty (having harangued them as long as his Strength would permit)

mit) paused; while the whole Assembly stood mute around him, none daring to oppose his Sentiments. What! added he, are we so wretched amongst ourselves as neither to accept a worthy Prince, when offered, or to propose a more excellent in his Room? Then one of his Majesty's Ministers, whom I had released with him, answered, that but for the Dread he had upon him, at surmising his Majesty's Death to be approaching, in so readily approving of a Successor, he should have no Scruple in joining his Voice to his Majesty's for *Benfee*; being well assured, that no fitter Person could be nominated, or one (tho' a Foreigner by Birth) who bore a greater Regard for their Nation.

This Speech of the Courtier brought several others into his Sentiments; when the King, demanding of his other Favourite, what was his Opinion, he replied, that surely that Nation was unworthy of a King, that could not amongst themselves,
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produce a Man qualified for Government ; that nothing but his Majesty's Command should have extorted his Sentiments from him ; but that he could not answer for the Consequence of so unprecedented a Thing, as the Nomination of a Stranger, from those who might suspect themselves injured by it ; not doubting but many such there would be, when Opportunity should offer ; by which Means, the State would be more convulsed, than by permitting Things to take their natural Course.

This Minister had no sooner broke the Ice, than it was apparent, he had far the Majority with him : Whereupon, the King desisted from urging the Affair any further ; but recommending Unity amongst them, dismissed the Assembly.

My Illness, as I said before, having detained me for several Days from Court, I was a perfect Stranger to all that had
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passed there ; but it being reported, that the King grew worse, I offering to pay what I expected to be my last Duty to him, was refused Admittance ; which being what had never before happened, extremely confounded me ; and the slight Regard paid to me by each Face I met, but too plainly demonstrated, that some Evil was in Agitation against me.

I, suspecting that what had happened durst not have been done but by the King's Order, made it my Request to his Majesty, by several Hands, who had hitherto courted my Commands to the King, as an Honour to themselves, that that he would be pleased to signify to me wherein I had so heinously offended him, as to be denied Access to his Presence ; but could not receive any Answer, though I was assured, my Requests should be performed ; nor doubt I of the King's
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Concern at my so long Absence; for undoubtedly, my Messages had never been delivered to him: And early, the third Morning afterwards, the King died.



C H A P. XXI.

The Author is sentenced to Banishment. Receives an Account of it. Garis's Advice for speedy Departure. Distributes all his Effects to his Servants. Sally's Behaviour on the Occasion. Set forward. Malack's Fidelity. They leave Kronomo.

SO soon as the States could be assembled for Nomination of the Successor, and before they proceeded to Election, it was put to the Vote, that I might be forthwith banished the Kingdom, and carried by the unanimous Voice of all present; nay, so implacable was their Malice against me, that the Time for Performance of my Sentence, was limited to the next Morning Light; after which, if I was seen within four Stands (much about the Distance of our Miles) of the City of Kronomo, I was to be put to Death:
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And further, if, after the Space of six Days, I should be discovered within the Dominions of the late *Bomarrah*, I was to suffer the like Punishment.

I had heard of the King's Death, soon after it happened; but what had occurred in my own Affairs, had been more reservedly carried, till on the Afternoon of that unhappy Event, one of the junior Nobles, who through my Means had attained to his Honours, was dispatched to me, with the melancholy State of my own Concerns.

He was still my Friend in his Heart, as were several others, he afterwards assured me, who durst not oppose the Impetuosity of the Current against me, by their useless Voices. He opened the Contents of his Dispatch, with Tears in his Eyes: Alas! my Friend, said he, how unhappy am I, in being the Messenger of the ill Tidings I am now about to relate
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to you, and paused. I expecting it only to be the News of his Majesty's Departure, replied; that my first Transports for that afflicting Event were past, and that considering the King but as one of the Rank of Mankind, his Death was but occasioned by the same Stroke of Fate, which sooner or later must reach us all; and that overmuch Sorrow became not Men of Genius and Reflection: What remained of Life, I told him, to us who survived, ought to be applied to the properest Purposes; for that only the Time to come was ours.

He observing, that what I had urged related only to his late Majesty, replied; that however I might have summoned Reason to my Aid, which had composed me as to the Loss of the King, who was so true a Friend to me; yet he feared, that, when he had disclosed the Purport of his Message, relative to myself, the Pressure of it would overwhelm me.

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I own, that having grounded no further Hopes from my Enjoyment of the Benefits his late Majesty had conferred upon me, than for his Life, I could not conceive what his Preface tended to; till *Garis* (for that was the Name of my Informer) beginning with the King's first Intention of the Crown for me, and proceeding Step by Step, as I have above related it, entered upon the Sentence that had been passed upon me; when my Knees smote together, my Heart failed me, and I became helpless as an Infant.

He further added, that *Melchi* (one of those whom I had released at the King's Sepulchre) had himself an Eye upon the Crown, and by his Intrigues, and Interest, would probably prevail; and that he, presiding in the Assembly, had both framed and delivered my Sentence, which having passed the Votes of his Dependants, no one durst gainsay, lest his immediate Death
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might have only proved a Warning for others, to avoid the like Dissention.

He advised me to fly with all possible Dispatch, lest *Melchi*, who beheld his own Insecurity in my Safety, should prevail for an Alteration of my Condemnation to some more bitter Doom. When I had recovered my Spirits somewhat, from the sudden Terror which this Message had superinduced over me, I desired *Garis*, on his Return, to inform the Assembly, that I had esteemed myself very happy, had the Knowledge of my Crime arrived to my Ear, at equal Speed with my Sentence of Condemnation; but that, not suspecting that august Body of Error, or Misconception, I should punctually obey their Commands, and in my Absence, so long as Life remained, implore of Providence to be propitious to that Kingdom, from which I had received so many, and so great Benefits.

No sooner was *Garis* returned, than I summoned my Family around me: I repeated to them the Message I had received, assured them, I was upon the Instant of putting my Sentence in Execution; and then, as if I had been actually on my Death-Bed, and formally making my Will, I gave to each of them such a Proportion of my Effects, as their several Stations in my Family required; and as for my House, that, said I to *Malack*, I will bestow on you, whom I have ever found most faithful to me, with the several other Things I then mentioned, and which even surpassed all my other Donations.

My whole Family (save my Wife) wept bitterly, at the Report of my Catastrophe; but she shed not a Tear, or seemed under the least further Concern, than what was occasioned by her Impatience for my Departure, that I might not incur the Punishment annexed to my too long Delay. I could not avoid taking Cognizance of this

Composure of hers, adding, that I was surprized at her being no more affected, by this so sudden Turn in our Affairs.

“ Mr. *Bingfield*, said the lovely Creature, I have already passed thro’ so many Changes in Life, that these Things seem no Novelty to me; what I have coveted ever since I was the least Judge of my own Affection, I am now possessed of in your Person; and since I never once raised my Heart to a Wish beyond that, you still remaining mine, each other Occurrence in Life is equally disregarded by me. As I have neither Hope, or Fear, which extends itself further than the Enjoyment, or Privation of you, I am prepared, under your Security, at a Moment’s Warning, cloathed, or naked, full or empty, rich, or poor, to attend and assist you. Proceed then to your Donations, a small Matter will suffice to carry with us, for having you I possess all Things.”

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Tho' I had behaved to my Family with the utmost Resignation, that I might not unman myself before them, and had braved it out as chearfully as possible; yet, I confess, my Heart bled within me, at the Prospect that awaited us: But this Speech of *Sally's*, for whose Sake I sorrowed ten Times more than for my own, proved the most comfortable Cordial, that could have been ministered to my shaken Frame. I clasped her to my Breast; Thou only Comfort of my Soul, said I, surely if thou can'st scorn the Difficulties that must attend us, in the dreary Wilds, and desolate Country we must (if Providence spares us) be consigned to; shall not I much rather, whose only Care hath ever been to prevent thy Woes? Then ordering *Sally* to collect some few valuable Things, of small Burthen, which the late King had presented me with, we purposed to set forwards, so soon as the Evening closed in upon us.

We kissed each Servant, wishing them happy in their new Acquests, and desiring their Prayers for our Safety, in our Journey, were now just ready to depart, when *Malack* appeared, with a small Kettle on his Head, a Loaf of Bread under one Arm, a large Wallet of somewhat bundled up in a Cloath on his Back, and one of my Guns in his Hand. Whither now *Malack*? said I, what are all these for? He replied, that we should want them in our Journey. And pray, said I, which of us must carry all that Load? for I can assure you I will not, and your Mistress shall not. O ho, says he, *Malack* carry these himself. Why *Malack*, replied I, have I not just now bestowed this fine House upon you? What mean you then by carrying these for us? No, no, good Soul, live happily here, and may you meet with gentler Treatment than I have, for my good Offices. “What?” “I live in fine House? Neve live in “Wood? said he, no, *Malack* love Wood, “when

“ when Neve in Wood ; *Malack* live fine
 “ House without Neve? who will live
 “ there, *Malack* live with Neve.”

Observing that *Malack* was really in earnest, and would go, I desisted from restraining him, and gladly accepted his Offer. I then calling up two of my Dog-Birds, in Hopes that they might be of the greatest Utility in procuring us Sustenance, we quitted our House, and set forward on our Journey. Upon our Arrival at the Outer-gate of the City, the Watch espying the Birds, informed us, that they had Orders to prevent our Removal of them from the Country, and insisted on our leaving them behind us. This was a cruel Shock to me ; but it was to no Purpose to contend : I was satisfied that Orders must be obeyed, and with seeming Readiness, acquiesced.

The End of the First Volume.